

# Navy News

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## KATY TAKES THE PLUNGE

KATY CHERRY, 21-year-old Miss Hull Show, is quite the prettiest mermaid to come HMS Odin's way for many a day. She was welcomed aboard when the submarine visited Hull, and obligingly adorned the periscope for our cameraman.

Also adorning the photograph are three of the Odin's crew — AB Jeff Underwood, WEM(O) Carl Dewing and LWEM(O) Dave Wheelband.

Picture: CPO(Phot) John Drew.

## Invincible sale buys time for Hermes . . .

# CASH 'N' CARRY!

**CONFIRMATION** that the 19,500-ton carrier HMS Invincible is to be bought by Australia has clarified the Royal Navy's big-ship situation over the next few years.

The announcement — at the end of February — of the £175 million sale also brought renewed protests in some quarters both in Britain and "Down Under."

Commissioned in 1980 as first-of-class and first ship built with the now-famous ski-jump ramp, the Invincible will be handed over to Australia late next year.

Until then she will continue to operate fully with the Royal Navy, and there will be much interest in seeing if during that time she undertakes a major deployment outside the NATO area.

### HERMES

Her forthcoming sale means that for the immediate future, the Royal Navy will have the Invincible and the older carrier Hermes, which was updated with ski-jump ramp.

With the departure of the Invincible in late 1983, the second of the new class, HMS Illustrious, should be operational as partner to the Hermes, which it is now intended to run on until the third of the new class, HMS Ark Royal, joins the Fleet about 1985.

### PAY OFF

Originally it had been planned to pay off the Hermes next year.

There has also been much speculation that the assault ships Fearless and Intrepid might run on longer than was intended, but there has been no confirmation.

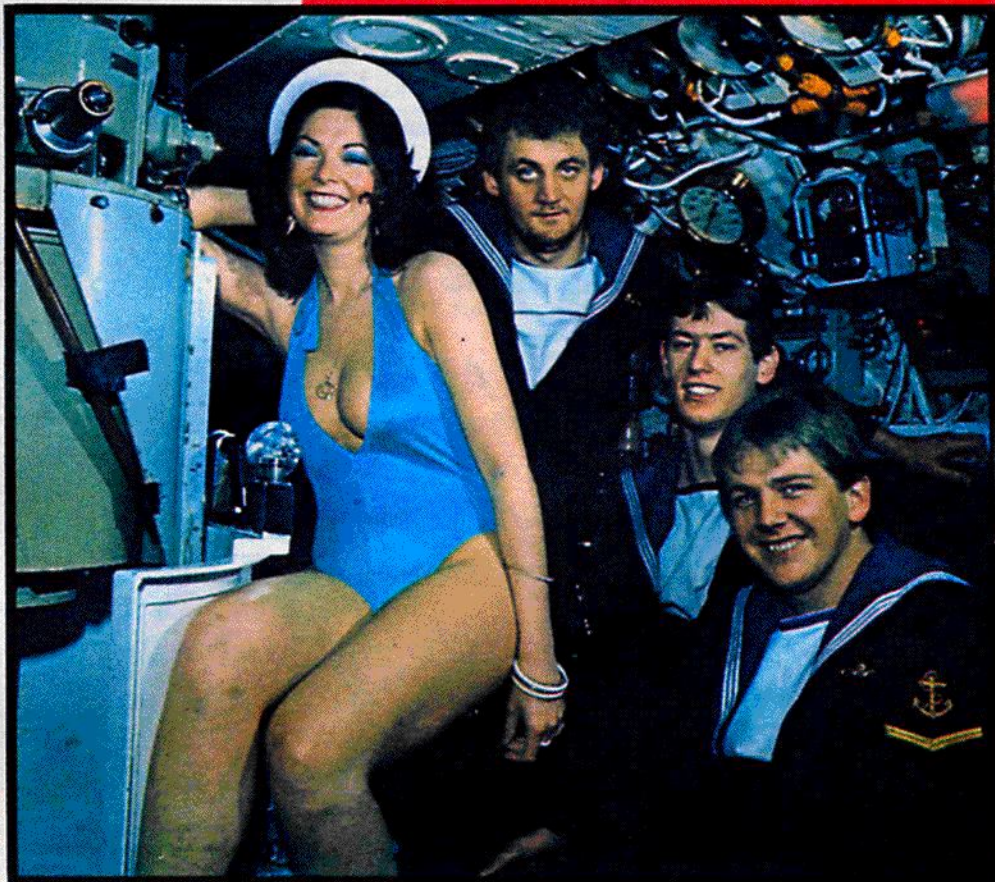
In addition to the £175 million price the Australians are paying for the Invincible, there will be additional costs for stores, ammunition, missiles and spare engines. What is described as "continuing logistic support and services" will also

be an additional cost.

The Australians have been monitoring development of the jump jet before deciding whether to acquire these aircraft, able to operate from the Invincible. Their Fleet Air

Arm already has Sea King helicopters and they are now considering whether to acquire more.

● *Invincible pictures and story — Page 9.*



## NO to Endurance

DESPITE more strong pleas for retention of HMS Endurance — including one from former Prime Minister James Callaghan — the Government has made it clear they intend the ice patrol ship's current Antarctic season to be her last with the Royal Navy.

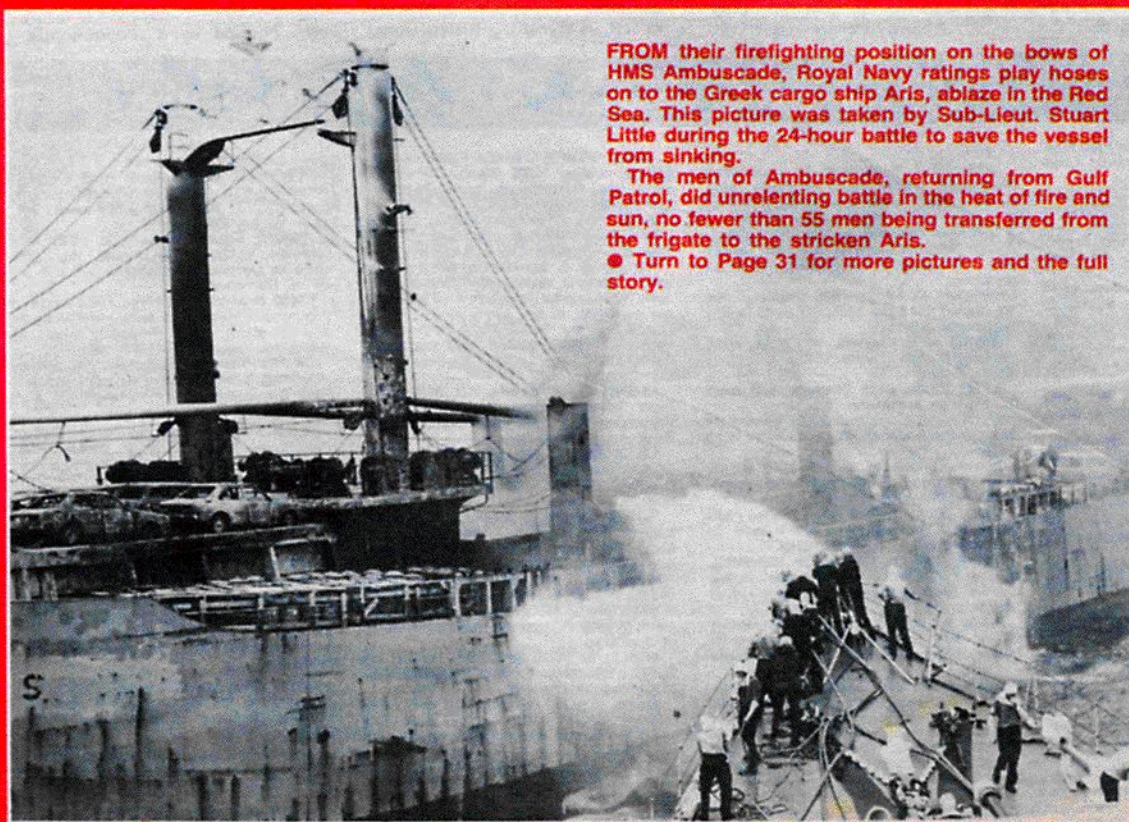
"We would have wished to keep the Endurance in service if we could have afforded to do so," Mr.

Peter Blaker (Minister of State for the Armed Forces) told the Commons. "It was, as is usually the case, a question of priorities."

He also said the Endurance had been offered to the British Antarctic Survey, but it was unable to accept her.

Meanwhile, the Endurance remains busy on what is, apparently, her swansong down south — and a full-colour feature about her current work appears in our centre pages. See also Page 19.

## RED SEA HOT SPOT



FROM their firefighting position on the bows of HMS Ambuscade, Royal Navy ratings play hoses on to the Greek cargo ship Aris, ablaze in the Red Sea. This picture was taken by Sub-Lieut. Stuart Little during the 24-hour battle to save the vessel from sinking.

The men of Ambuscade, returning from Gulf Patrol, did unrelenting battle in the heat of fire and sun, no fewer than 55 men being transferred from the frigate to the stricken Aris.

● Turn to Page 31 for more pictures and the full story.

## YES to eighth Type 22

THE ROYAL NAVY is to have an eighth Type 22 frigate. Placing of the order with Yarrow Shipbuilders, at an estimated total cost of £120 million, was announced by Defence Secretary Mr. John Nott as Navy News went to press.

The Navy has already accepted three ships of the class, with four more being built.

Leaving the Service after evaluation in a number of roles is the 117-ton hydrofoil HMS Speedy. She has been used in tasks such as fishery protection and oil and gas installation patrol, but at the conclusion of evaluation it was decided not to retain her.

### 'FINANCIAL REASONS'

Whitehall sources said there were limitations in some roles. In the Commons, however, former Navy Minister Mr. Keith Speed claimed that the reason for not keeping her was "purely financial."

Other ships now due to go for disposal include the fast training boats Cutlass, Sabre and Scimitar, which have been laid up since last year.



# Hydra's 'fix-it' praised

VITAL HELP in recovery of a ditched helicopter has won for HMS Hydra (pictured right) a tribute from the Government of Senegal.

Location of the wreck by the survey ship off the West Coast of Africa prompted a signal from the Senegalese Armed Forces Minister expressing appreciation for the "very valuable contribution which Hydra made to UK-Senegalese relations."

The Hydra, which was returning early this month from a six-month deployment, was called in to help while on a four-day visit to Dakar, capital of Senegal.

The Senegalese had lost the troop-carrying helicopter off the Gambian capital of Banjul during operations to foil the attempted coup in Gambia last summer.

In temperatures above 100 degrees F, the ship's two survey motor-boats scanned day and night to find the downed aircraft. Eventually a fix was established and confirmed by Gambian divers.

After leaving Banjul the Hydra paid a four-day goodwill visit to Lagos.

There followed a two-week Atlantic passage for visits to Barbados and Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico, where Syledis fixing equipment was embarked for survey work in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Hydra's Wasp helicopter flew small parties of ratings on to islands in early November. Three leading hands — LMEM Phil Lang, LA John Young and LMA Spud Murphy — spent four weeks in unenviable conditions on Great Inagua to man one Syledis station.

During breaks in the work, visits were paid to Tortola in the British Virgin Islands and to Nassau in the Bahamas.

Christmas and the New Year were spent at St Petersburg, Florida, where ten wives and family members spent up to two weeks with their menfolk.

Survey work in the Virgin Islands was carried out ashore and at sea early this year, followed by a four-day visit to Antigua before the Hydra headed for home.

## WHAT A LASH-UP!



WHEN the commanding officer of HMS Hydra, Cdr. Richard Campbell, ordered a lash-up for the ship's company, his first lieutenant and master-at-arms slightly misinterpreted the instructions ...

Victim of their error was MEM Keith Strugnelli, who was escorted to the replica of HMS Bounty at St Petersburg, Florida, for a "flogging."

The scene was enacted during the Hydra's Christmas break in the US port, where hospitality was overwhelming. The aptly-clad punishment party was composed of Lieut.-Cdr. Steve Bennett (first lieutenant), MAA Jan Spray, and ABs Des O'Connor and Sid Ford.

Picture: LA(Phot) John Young.

# ALL ABOUT SWOPPING

**'As will be seen from all this, the ideal swap is a mirror image of yourself who, like you, is a paragon of virtue serving, or about to serve, on the same type of service.'**

THE SWOP DRAFTS column in Navy News continues to flourish after many years service, sometimes resulting in letters from readers who ask for an explanation of how the system works.

"Please could you do an article on the 'ins' and 'outs' of a swop draft after the ratings have initially contacted each other," wrote a naval wife recently.

She went on, "My husband has served 17 years in the RN and has just gone through the unhappy experience of having a swop draft fall through, immediately prior to going on deployment."

"This was considered as a last resort but in the end caused more distress than if it had never arisen. An article would, I am sure, be beneficial to ensure a better understanding of the system."

For this correspondent, and others interested, here is an outline of the operation of the system, explained by Drafty from his viewpoint:

The detailed regulations for exchange of drafts are contained in BR 14 (Drafting Instructions).

Article 0504.

To exchange drafts, a rating — male or female in these days of equality — finds another of the same rate and category, with the same Adquals (Additional qualifications) and/or equipment experience, who wishes to swop drafts.

### SAME TYPE

Ratings hoping to swop should normally be either detailed to, or serving on, the same type of service. In other words, it's no good seeking a swop draft between sea service and shore service (or vice versa) — it will not usually be approved unless there are strong compassionate reasons for doing so, backed by a recommenda-

tion from the Naval Personal and Family Service.

Having found your opposite number — and provided neither of you has joined the drafts you wish to exchange — all that is required is a C240 (Application for a particular course or draft) from each of you forwarded to HMS Centurion for approval and issue of confirmatory Draft Orders.

Should you wish to exchange your current ship or establishment, the agreement of both commanding officers is required. Each rating requests separately to his/her commanding officer, who then forwards full Service documents to the other ship/establishment for perusal, copying the correspondence to HMS Centurion.

Once Naval Drafting Division is satisfied that both commanding officers agree to the exchange and, provided there are no drafting objections, confirmatory Draft Orders will be issued.

### OBJECTIONS

Drafting objections would be raised if, for instance, one of the two ratings involved was about to be drafted elsewhere or a relief for him was already nominated. A commanding officer might object if he were to lose a navigator's yeoman or ship's diver without gaining a rating with similar qualifications. Disciplinary records speak for themselves.

As will be seen from all this, the ideal swop is a mirror image of yourself who, like you, is a paragon of virtue serving, or about to serve, on the same type of service.

In fact this happens quite frequently and, whenever possible, Drafty will approve exchanges or swops because then he knows that two more ratings will be 1PRE (First Preference) and his aim is to get as many as possible where they want to be, within the constraints of manning ships and establishments correctly.

## SWOP DRAFTS

These ratings are anxious to exchange drafts and anyone interested should contact the applicant direct.

WEM(O)1 Fabian, 10 Mess, HMS Norfolk, drafted HMS Glamorgan, July. Will swop for any Rosyth ship.

RO1(G) Blinell, 3 Mess, HMS Alderney, drafted Commander-in-Chief Fleet, Portsmouth. Will swop for any seagoing ship or foreign shore base.

A/LRO(G) O'Connor, 3P Mess, HMS Exeter, deploying mid-March. Will swop for any Portsmouth ship in refit or shore draft. Contact Portsmouth 822351.

SM(M) Swain, 3EA Mess, HMS Aurora, due to deploy Sept. Will swop for Devonport ship not deploying or refitting.

WEM(M) Walker, 1H Mess, HMS Apollo, drafted Portland FMG, May. Will swop for any Plymouth shore base.

AB(S) Day, 11 Mess, HMS Rame Head, Portsmouth, drafted HMS Galatea, June, refitting Gibraltar. Will swop for any Portsmouth ship, preferably Type 42.

WEM(R)1 Pennicott, Commcen, Fort Southwick, Portsmouth, drafted HMS Glamorgan. Will swop for Devonport seagoing ship.

LA/LRO(T) P. Aspery, 2J3 Commc Mess, HMS Hermes, deploying. Will swop for any ship refitting or due refit. Any shore base considered.

LMEM(M) D. Savage, 3K Mess, HMS Aurora, deploying, Oct. Will swop for any Scottish draft or any ship not deploying.

MEM(M)1 Burdett (AMC), HMS Dido. Will swop for any Portsmouth ship or shore base.

CK K. Henderson, Main Galley, HMS Dolphin (ext. 41907), drafted HMS Charybdis, April, refitting until July, then sea trials until Oct. Will swop for any Rosyth ship.

AB(M) Kay, HMS Coventry, Portsmouth, drafted Portsmouth FMG. Will swop for seagoing ship.

WEM(R)1 Sims, JRs Block, HMS Cochran, drafted Rosyth FMG. Will swop for any shore base, Portsmouth or Devonport.

ARO1(T) Paterson, 7 Mess, HMS Nor-

folk, drafted HMS Neptune (Baseops) May. Will swop for Portsmouth, Plymouth, Chatham ship or shore base.

AB(EW) Elston, Maritime Tactical School, HMS Dryad, drafted HMS Galatea, refitting Gibraltar then Devonport home waters, June. Will swop for any Portsmouth ship, preferably Type 42 deploying. Anything considered.

LRO(T) Williamson, 2D Mess, HMS Avenger, will swop for any ship deploying, preferably east, but not Type 22.

STD Darby, 2 Mess, HMS Hubberton, Portsmouth minehunter due 6-8 weeks DED. Will swop for any Portsmouth destroyer or carrier.

MEM(M) Halliwell (Scale A), HMS Sultan, drafted HMS Phoenix, refitting Chatham. Will swop for any gas ship.

SA S. Graham, 3 Mess, HMS Arrow, refitting end of May one year. Will swop for Plymouth frigates not refitting, preferably Type 21 or 22.

RO1(T) S. J. Beaumont, 2 Echo Mess, HMS Antrim, due to leave ship Dec. Will swop for any ship deploying, preferably HMS Invincible.

LWEM(R) Headon, 3EZ Mess, HMS Euryalus. Will swop for any Portsmouth ship or ship in refit.

WEM(R)1 Dyer, 3G Mess, HMS Rothesay, until Sept. 1983. Will swop for any Portsmouth ship or ship in refit.

MEM(M)1 E. P. Loughrey (AMC), 14 Mess, HMS Norfolk, drafted HMS Antelope May, Devonport. Will swop for any Portsmouth seagoing ship.

CK M. Warren, 6TP FWD Mess, HMS Invincible, deploying. Will swop for any ship refitting Portsmouth or Rosyth.

STD D. A. Smith, HMS Gannett, Prestwick. Will swop for any Portsmouth shore base.

CPO(Ops) M. Dean, HMS Cambridge. Will swop for Portsmouth or Chatham ship or

shore base.

WEM(R)1 D. P. Henson, Commcen, Fort Southwick, drafted HMS Anglesey, May, Rosyth, fishery protection duties. Will swop for Portsmouth ship, preferably re-fitting.

LWEM(O) Gillham, 4 Mess, HMS Herald (WEOW/Internal Comms), due DED Devonport. Will swop for Portsmouth ship not deploying.

LWren(SA) M. Leask, HMS Daedalus, Ext 59, drafted RM Deal, April. Will swop for any Portsmouth base.

RO2(T) M. D. Gaskell, 4N3 Mess, HMS Hermes, deploying June. Will swop for any ship.

LSTD Jarvis, HMS Diomedes. Will swop for any ship, anywhere.

LWren(SA) K. Armour, HMS Vernon ext 2252. Will swop for any Plymouth draft, HMS Osprey considered.

Wren(SA) Barratt, drafted HMS Heron, May. Will swop for Plymouth shore base. Contact HMS Vernon 2562.

LCK S. Moss, HMS Bulldog, drafted HMS Excellent, June, home waters. Will swop for any Portsmouth or Plymouth ship.

MEM(M)2 Innes (passed for MEM(M)1), 6F Port FWD Mess, HMS Invincible, deploying. Will swop for Portsmouth ship in refit or not deploying.

AB(S) R. Slater, 2 Mess, HMS Herald, drafted HMS Collingwood, May. Will swop for HMS Nelson or HMS Vernon, due for release August.

LMEM(L) Watson, Camperdown 1L Mess, HMS Collingwood, drafted HMS Soberton, Rosyth, Aug. Will swop for any Chatham or Portsmouth seagoing ship.

AB(M) Collins, RNPHQ, HMS Drake, drafted HMS Hecla, April, due to deploy Sept. Will swop for Plymouth shore base.

LWEM(R) Upton, 10 Mess, HMS Norfolk, drafted HMS Galatea, May, refitting Gib., then Devonport based. Will swop for Portsmouth ship.

LWren WTR(G) L. Buttle, Fraser Guntery Range, drafted HMS Warrior, June. Will swop for Portsmouth base. Telephone Portsmouth 22351 ext 6417.

MEM(M) M. J. Hickman (AMC), Mess 6F Stbd. FWD, HMS Invincible, deploying. Will swop for Portsmouth ship with less sea time.

RO1(G) J. T. Lucombe, MSO RN air station Portland, drafted HMS Galatea, Gib., June. Will swop for Plymouth ship, preferably not deploying, or any shore base.

LCK Murphy, Senior Rates Galley, HMS Drake, ext 5906, drafted HMS Bacchante, April. Will swop for any Plymouth ship deploying.

LS(EW) C. R. Morris, 5D Stbd Mess, HMS Invincible, deploying. Will swop for Portsmouth ship, preferably Type 42 not deploying, or shore base.

LWEM(R) A. N. Spencer, HMS Daedalus, Seafield Park ext 18, drafted FMB Devonport (Mobile). Will swop for Portsmouth shore base.

RO1(G) Wright, 7 Mess, HMS Norfolk, drafted HMS Centurion (Microfilm party), May. Will swop for Common Whitehall, Northwood or Chatham shore base.

WAEM(M)1 Lettis, HMS Daedalus ext 439 or 610. Will swop for RN air station Culdrose.

STD Upton, HMS Phoenix, Devonport. Will swop for any Portsmouth ship home waters or deploying.

RO1(G) R. P. Knight, HMS Nelson ext 22882. Will swop for any seagoing ship, Portsmouth or Plymouth.

Wren WRO1 Forsyth, CTF345 HMS Warrior, drafted HMS Osprey, April. Will swop for Common, London area. Contact 01-568-5524 (pm).

RO1(T) Marquis, HMS Warrior, Common ext 415, drafted HMS Plymouth, Rosyth, Aug. Will swop for Portsmouth or Plymouth ship.

WEM(R)1 Bowman, HMS Liverpool, BPU, Grenville Block, HMS Drake, ext 5293. Will

swop for Rosyth ship in refit.

POWEM(O) G. Shelton, HMS Collingwood, ext 501, drafted HMS Challenger (Int Comms billet) Aug, refitting Greenock. Will swop for any Portsmouth ship.

A/LS(M) Price, 3M(S) Mess, HMS Andromeda, drafted HMS Osprey, May. Will swop for Devonport barracks or refit ship or BRNC Dartmouth.

LS(M) Broadhead, 5 Mess, HMS Alacrity, deploying autumn. Will swop for Plymouth ship or shore base. Preferably ship not deploying. Telephone 0752-787661.

CK Phillimore (Scale A), 19 Mess, Mountbatten Block, HMS Pembroke, drafted HMS Brionington, April. Will swop for any Plymouth ship.

WEM(M)3 (OC) Paxton, 3 Tortworth Close, Peak Lane, Fareham, Hants, drafted HMS Dryad (FGR). Will swop for Devonport shore base or ship not deploying.

CK M. Openshaw, 3EA Mess, HMS Dido, Plymouth. Will swop for Portsmouth ship, preferably deploying.

AB(R) D. Marsden, 5D Stbd Mess, HMS Invincible, deploying. Will swop for Plymouth Ikara Leander.

ALMEM(M) Turner, 111 Mess, HMS Cochran, telephone Rosyth FMG ext 3378, drafted HMS Invincible, deploying. Will swop for Portsmouth Type 42, preferably not deploying.

RO1(T) Andrews, 3L Mess, HMS Achilles, drafted HMS Mercury, June. Will swop for any ship deploying or shore base, except Devonport area.

LSA R. C. Jones, HMS Torquay, drafted HMS Heron, April. Will swop for Portsmouth ship or shore base.

POAEM (M) Arkie, AETS RNAS Portland, drafted 845 Squadron early '83. Will swop for any Portland-based Lynx flight.



# Dudley has one over the 10

MORE reprobate antics are on the way from Dudley Moore following his success in "10." His new film "Arthur" is released to the Fleet this month and gives a jocular account of how the top one-millionth live . . .

Arthur is a billionaire who is seldom sober. Propped up by his valet Hobson — played by the ubiquitous John Gielgud — he stumbles and slurs his way through New York's high society.

Cut out to marry a deb chosen by his

father — or else lose his fortune, Arthur perversely falls in love with a shoplifting waitress (Liza Minelli). Hobson's choice is to act as fairy godfather to his wayward employer . . . Arthur's is to leave his bride at the altar, making his exit with an unsteady gait.

The full list of titles released by the Royal Naval Film Corporation is:

**Death Hunt (X)** — Charles Bronson, Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson. As the cast list may indicate, this is a rough, tough tale of escalating violence. Set in

## FILMS FOR THE FLEET

northern Canada in the 1930s, it tells of the pursuit of a lethal fugitive (Bronson) by an equally lethal policeman (Marvin). It is, we are told, based on a real incident. Fox. No. 841.

**Violent Streets (X)** — James Caan, Tuesday Weld. "Godfather" gangster

Caan returns to the street of Chicago as a victimised safe-cracker who gets disastrously involved with a crime syndicate. Needless to say, it all ends in blood and tears. United Artists. No. 842.

**Eye of the Needle (AA)** — Donald Sutherland, Kate Nelligan, Christopher Cazenove. More violence, this time on a lower level, as a Nazi spy struggles to get out of England with crucial intelligence. Directed by Richard Marquand, it is based on the novel "Storm Island" by Ken Follett. United Artists. No. 843.

**Arthur (A)** — Columbia-EMI-Warner. No. 844.

**The Final Conflict (X)** — Sam Neill, Lisa Harrow. Third and, we are promised, the last of the films which started in 1976 with "The Omen." That little devil Damien is up to his tricks again, trying to subvert the world. Last of the trilogy finds him as the American ambassador in London doing his worst to foil the Second Coming by conducting as much inventive slaughter as possible. 20th Century Fox. No. 845.

## Glamorgan is back — and in business

HMS GLAMORGAN is back at sea with two new propellers — after only three weeks of efficient dockyard work.

The guided missile destroyer returned prematurely from Gulf Patrol after she reported hitting an uncharted rock and, until February 10, was laid up at Portsmouth. Her first commitment this year was participation in a joint maritime course in the latter part of last month.

During her spell in dry dock many inter-part and inter-ship fixtures were played and a team of skiers spent a week in northern Italy.

Highspot of the season for the ship's rugby team was a four-day visit to South Wales, where they were presented with tickets for the Wales v. France international.

They played three matches against local teams, beating Ground Squadron St Athan 30-0, but suffering a heavy defeat against Llantwit Major first XV. In their last match they lost to St Athan first team, current RAF champions. However, the Glamorgans look forward to more matches when the ship visits Swansea later this year.

### Jet flights

On the social side, 500 members of the ship's company and their partners attended the Glamorgan's annual dance at the Locarno Ballroom, Portsmouth.

Liaison visits have been made to London Air Traffic Control Centre, RAF St Mawgan — which included flights in a Nimrod aircraft — and to 11 Squadron, the ship's affiliated squadron at RAF Binbrook. While at Binbrook, Lieuts. Ray Harriss and Charles Wilson were treated to a flight in a twin-seat Lightning.

A team from the ship also undertook the first Joint Services Sailing Club cruise to Cherbourg and back in the Navy's Nicholson 55 yachts.

## Annette sports her beauty

**ROYAL MARINES at Eastney Barracks certainly got a kick out of 18-yr-old Annette Duncan when she was invited to start the annual football match between officers and NCOs.**

Annette, an up-and-coming beauty queen in the Portsmouth area, lives at Gosport and already has the title of Miss Wet T-shirt of Southsea under her belt (if that's the correct term). She was also Southsea Carnival Queen last year.

Her father is CPO James Duncan of the Neurological Department at RN Hospital, Haslar.

After the match, Annette was entertained in the Sergeants' Mess with Lorraine Chase, who kicked-off in the first half. Lorraine was appearing in "Aladdin" at the King's Theatre, Southsea.



Picture: PO(Phot) Dutch Holland

## Guardship diplomacy

DIPLOMATIC relations were established between the Chinese Embassy in Barbados and HMS Achilles when the First Secretary visited the Belize guardship.

Mr. Lee, accompanied by his interpreter, toured the frigate while she lay alongside for a six-day visit to Bridgetown. The diplomat also visited RFA Stromness and met her ship's company, largely composed of Chinese.

## Home-grown drama for RN festival

TWENTY-TWO establishments are taking part in this year's Royal Navy Theatre Festival, producing plays which include two from the pens of serving personnel and one from a naval wife.

HMS Heron's play "Passing On" has been written by Cdr. Malcolm Smith, an engineering officer on the staff of Flag Officer Naval Air Command; author of HMS Osprey's "A Diabolical Liberty" is naval wife Mrs. Sheila Bird; and HMS Raleigh and HMS Figgard have chosen

"The Show" by Lieut. Robert Haden, an instructor officer in Raleigh.

Most of the performances will be staged this month and will be judged on the basis of two regions — Portsmouth and Medway as one, Naval Air Command and Scotland as the other. Overall adjudication will take place on April 5.

The festival diary is:

### Portsmouth and Medway

March 10: HMS Dryad, "See How They Run" by Philip King. March 12: HMS Collingwood, "Mixed Doubles" by various authors. March 16: HMS Warrior, "Harlequinade" by Terence Rattigan. March 17: HMS Vernon,

"Mixed Doubles". March 19: HMS Sultan, "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward. March 24: HMS Mercury, "The Lovebirds" by Basil Thomas. March 26: HMS Nelson, "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg" by Peter Nichols. March 27: RM Deal, "Miranda" by Peter Blackmore. March 30: HMS Excellent, "Billy Liar" by Willis Hall and Keith Waterhouse. March 31: HMS Pembroke, "Noah" by Andre Obey. April 1: HMS Centurion, "No Time for Fig Leaves" by Duncan Greenwood and Robert King. April 2: ASWE, "On Monday Next" by Philip King.

### FONAC and Scotland

March 10: HMS Osprey, "A Diabolical Liberty" by Sheila Bird. March 11: HMS

Heron, "Passing On" by Malcolm Smith. March 17: HMS Drake, "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?" by Brian Clarke. March 18: RNEC Manadon, "The Magistrate" by Arthur Wing Pinero. March 19: HMS Raleigh / HMS Figgard, "The Show" by Robert Haden. March 24: HMS Seahawk, "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew" by Robert Bolt. March 25: HMS Daedalus, "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw. March 29: RM Condor, "Doctor in the House" by Ted Willis. March 31: HMS Cochrane, "Nude with a Violin" by Noel Coward.

● Tickets are available from the individual establishments.



## Raiders return —in style

SEVENTY SIX survivors of the St Nazaire raid in 1942 — one of the most daring and successful of the Second World War — will return to the scene of battle next month in Royal style to mark its 40th anniversary.

As reported in Navy News in November, the Queen has approved the use of the Royal Yacht Britannia to take the war veterans to attend celebrations in the French port. They will sail from Portsmouth on April 23 — the first time the yacht has been used to take a party of veterans to a battle scene.

Prince Philip, who became patron of the St Nazaire Society after the assassination of Lord Mountbatten, will fly to St Nazaire to join the survivors in a week-end of commemorative Services and receptions.

### CAPT. RYDER VC

Leading a party of at least 120 survivors and relatives, who will fly from Gatwick in two chartered aircraft to join the celebrations, will be Capt. Robert Ryder, who was awarded one of the five Victoria Crosses won during the engagement. During the raid, 159 of the 611 volunteers who took part were killed and 215 captured.

The 76 survivors of the raid who will sail in Britannia on the outward journey, will return by air, allowing other veterans to take their places on the Royal Yacht for the homeward journey.

Some seats are still available in the chartered aircraft for anyone who wishes to attend. For details contact Mr. Eric de la Torre, Beacon Shore, Tatsfield, nr. Westerham, Kent P16 2JT (telephone (office) 01-965-4866; (home) 095-98492).

## Maritime Museum contest

A MAJOR building repair programme at the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich will not affect events planned to mark Maritime England Year.

In June, visitors can see a major art exhibition, "The Art of the Van de Velde," and one covering the loss of the Royal George 200 years ago, "Toll for the Brave."

In addition, the museum in conjunction with the Marine Society is holding a competition to find the best photograph of a nautical subject, which will be displayed and kept for the Historic Photograph collection.

Prizes of £100, £50 and £25 are offered for the best transparency, colour print or black and white print. Entries should be sent to the Marine Society, 202 Lambeth Road, London SE1 7JW before December 31.

## DRAFTY'S CORNER

# THE PUSSESS' PROGRAMME

THE SUSPENSE of waiting for the redundancy announcement is over, and the applications have been arriving in HMS Centurion — though not, please note, anywhere near the Drafting Officers who are and will remain unaware of who has applied. They will see only the list of successful applicants when this is published in March.

This month it is the turn of the Supply and Secretariat to "read all about it." The prognosis for the Medical Branch will come in a later Drafty's Corner.

The announcement of the rundown of Chatham has made a large impact on Supply drafting, involving as it does the closure of the RN Supply School after more than 20 years in HMS Pembroke, and removal to a new location. Where that location is to be has not, at the time of writing, finally been decided.

Sadly for Chatham natives and preferencees, the chances of a draft there are growing less and will reduce quickly from the end of 1982. It is expected that, after September 1983 those remaining will be the rapidly dwindling Rundown Party which will reduce to nothing by March 31 1984.

Until the results of further studies now taking place in MOD are known, it is not possible to give useful advice about where to set up home again with greatest chance of stability for the family.

All that can be said is that the three remaining Port Areas (Portsmouth, Plymouth and Rosyth), with Faslane, Portland and Yeovilton, are likely to see the greatest concentration of sea and shore billets.

Lesser concentrations of shore billets exist in London, at Culdrose in Cornwall, and Prestwick in SE Scotland.

## Big computers, little computers and tiny computers

With OASIS 1 (Stores) well on the way, and OASIS 2 (Writers) on the horizon, a word processor at sea and many others ashore, the 1980s bid fair to be the decade when the pussers get their hands on computers. Many people now serving will need to learn to programme or operate them during their career.

There is a steady demand for Senior Rate Writers to programme at HMS Centurion. For the first time, there is also a need for Stores Accountants to learn programming skills and become involved with the software of OASIS. Two Senior Rate Stores Accountants start this year with the OASIS project, at St George Barracks in Gosport.

Stores Accountants already qualify in a steady stream to operate and supervise the 4-72 Air Stores computer, and will start training on the OASIS system by the end of this year. Writers are likely to come across word processors, which are only a micro computer in disguise, increasingly frequently (the first one is at sea in HMS Fearless). The RN Supply School has a training computer in operation this year, and the first OASIS computer will be installed in the summer.

Drafty does not always know if you have any computer operating or programming training or background, un-

less you have done a recognised Service Course. So, if you want to become involved in this growth area, or already have this experience, make sure you say so on your Drafting Preference Card. That goes for all you ZX81, PET, and other home computer buffs too.

### Oasis Phase 1

The first Onboard ADP Support In Ships machine is installed in St George Barracks, with others to follow this month in HMS Dolphin, RNSS and HMS Kent. The first Stores Accountants to join the project arrived in Autumn 1981, and are reported to be very enthusiastic.

Up to seven teams, each of a Senior Rate / LSA / SA are required from Autumn 1982 to join ships to assist in preparing their stocks and accounts, ready for Take-On to their OASIS computer. They will be on Sea Service.

Up to seven more teams on shore service and OASIS trained, will be formed from early 1983 to assist ships with transferring their accounts to the computer. And, of course, the stores staff in the OASIS-fitted ships must also be OASIS trained.

Watch this space for further details, and let Drafty know by C230 or C240 if you want to be considered for any of the OASIS teams.



"I don't know what programme they put in, but it keeps feeding me dates!"

### Technical Office Writers

Writers are gradually starting to take on the tasks now undertaken by ME and WE Officers' Writers in all ships. Billets will exist up to Petty Officer level. Extension of the scheme from Type 21s to other classes will start in Autumn 1982.

### Early release

Early release of those who are on Notice engagements and who have handed in their notice, is available to some rates and categories of the S & S and Medical Branches. The shortest time from approval to release is two months, if your commanding officer can spare you without relief, longer if a relief is required, and therefore is up to six months ahead if you are at sea.

However, if there are good and pressing reasons for shortening the wait, make sure they are included in your application and Drafty will try to help.

### Recruiting

The recruiting freeze will mean that for the remainder of 1982 there will be very few Part IV trainees going to shore establishments, and it is unlikely that more will emerge from the school before the spring of 1983.

### And, finally...

If motherhood is your future, girls, please make sure Drafty is the third person to know. It takes three months to produce a relief, and if you omit to tell us in good time when you are going to leave, your oppo will have to do your work for you until someone new can be drafted in.

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### Kiwi welcome promised

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### Two-day march

THE RAF Walking and Road Marching Association is holding a two-day march, based at RAF Swanton Morley, Norfolk, on May 8-9. Details from Events Secretary, RAFWARMA, RAFCOMMEN Block 1, MOD, St George's Road, Harrogate HG2 9DB.



## SHIPS OF THE ROYAL NAVY

No. 316

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Displacement: 2,800 tons full load. Length: 370ft. Beam: 41ft. Draught: 17ft. 3in. Armament: Seacat surface-to-air missiles in quadruple launcher, twin 4.5in. guns, one Limbo three-barrelled mortar. Aircraft: One Wasp helicopter capable of delivering AS-12 guided weapons, homing torpedoes or depth charges. Propulsion: Two double-reduction geared turbines driving two shafts producing 30,000 shp. Speed: 30 knots. Complement: 244.

## Twenty years of battle

TO FIND the most illustrious of HMS Plymouth's predecessors, the pages of history have to be turned back more than 300 years — to the first Plymouth launched at Wapping in 1653.

For the first 20 years of her life she was certainly in the wars, all seven Battle Honours for the name being won by this 60-gun ship. They are: Porto Farina 1655; Santa Cruz 1657; Lowestoft 1665; the Four Days' Battle and Orfordness, both in 1666; Sole Bay 1672; and Texel 1673.

She was rebuilt at Blackwall in 1705 and her armament increased by four guns, but she foundered later that year.



## Plymouth's happy 21st

AS SHE approaches her 21st birthday, the modernised frigate HMS Plymouth is fulfilling a leading role in the Fleet with another busy year ahead of her.

The Plymouth is under the command of Capt. David Pentreath, Senior Officer of the Sixth Frigate Squadron made up of six Type 12 ships. Based at Rosyth, she is taking a break from home waters with a maintenance period at Gibraltar later this month followed by a spell in the West Indies.

Early last year she completed a major refit during which her weapons, communications, radar and other equipment was updated. By mid-May she had completed trials and operational sea training and was ready for Exercise Roebuck with other NATO vessels.

During the year her visits included trips to Newcastle, Malmö (Sweden) and Guernsey. She took the part of an

orange surface raider in the major Exercise Ocean Venture, completed a spell on North Sea fishery protection patrol, shadowed the Soviet carrier Kiev from the Skaw to North Cape and acted as leader of four target ships for the submarine commanding officers' qualifying course on the Clyde.

## Training

Since Christmas she has visited London and undertaken navigational training for junior officers.

In wartime the Plymouth's role would be to help escort a NATO force against enemy submarine, surface and air attack. To achieve this she is equipped with sonars to detect submarines, helicopter-borne homing torpedoes and depth charges.

For attack she is armed with anti-submarine mortars, and Seacat missiles and twin 4.5in. guns to deal with air and surface targets.

Built at HM Dockyard Plymouth, the ship was launched in 1959 and commissioned in May, 1961. She is the eleventh of her name.

Nine improved Type 12 frigates — otherwise known as the Rothesay Class — were completed in 1960-61. They are similar to the earlier Whitby Class, but with modified interior layouts.

The excellent hull design, which formed the basis of the later Leander Class, is combined with twin rudders to give exceptional manoeuvrability and high speed in rough weather.

## PHOTO POSTCARDS

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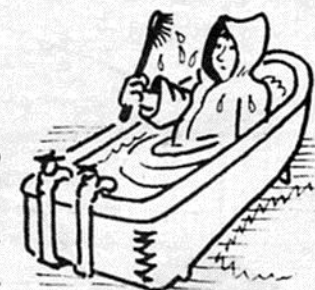


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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Sailor with a gift for the flannel

IT MUST have been when I was an ordinary seaman in HMS Whaddon (No. 10 mess) in 1942 that I first heard of the able seaman adrift from leave who told the Commander that he woke up in good time to come off but found that his companion must have been cold in the night for she was fast asleep — wearing his flannel!

He said that he did not like to wake her as she was sleeping so sweetly.

The Commander dismissed the case, observing that he was delighted to find that there was one gentleman left in the Navy! — J. H. McGivering (Lieut.-Cdr. RNR, reted.), Weybridge, Surrey.

THE "one track mind" excuse for being late (January) reminded me of the old Malta "garry" horse tale.

Five ABs and a stoker are lined up for being adrift. First AB gives the story that he was returning on board by the old Maltese horse taxi and urged the driver to hurry as he looked like being late. On this steep hill the dear old nag keeled over and died.

The next AB gave the same story... and the next...

Finally the stoker steps up. Off caps. Proceeds to tell the same story...

By this time it wasn't funny any more and the exasperated skipper said: "I suppose your damned horse keeled over and died?"

"No sir," said the stoker.

"We couldn't get through for dead 'garry' horses!" — Keith Hallam (ex-CPO), Blackpool.

How strange. In the same post came the story from Mr. Thomas Cummings, a messenger in HMS Drake. Talk about flogging a dead horse! — Editor.

### Thanks to Intrepid

A BIG thank-you to the captain and ship's company (in particular CPO Peter Randle) of HMS Intrepid for the foreign coins ("ickies") acquired by them on their last trip and collected and handed to me on their return to Portsmouth.

I will have the pleasure to present the NSPCC with a cheque for £198 on their behalf, and from those little children you have helped I say "Thank you and may God bless you all." — Jim Simpson, JP., Chairman NSPCC, Portchester Committee, Hants.

**OVER TO YOU**  
— PAGE 27



## Where and when?

HMS Collingwood has acquired this photograph and we hope that Navy News readers may have some information about when, where and on what occasion it was taken. — B. Houghton, PO, the Armoury, HMS Collingwood.

# Single men deserve a better deal

I OFFER SOME thoughts on Service discrimination against the single man, bearing in mind that in civilian life the only difference in terms of employment between the married man and the single man is the tax code.

Due to the nature of the employment, one would expect the Royal Navy to favour the single man, whereas quite the opposite is true. Until the present situation is changed the single man will always be hard done by.

Perhaps it may depend upon one's view of marriage, but separation pay rules are among the more outdated. In all fairness, separation pay should go to all unaccompanied personnel.

Extra travel warrants are also discriminatory, the large difference between four and 12 warrants depending upon marital status.

### Charges

In fact, separation pay and extra warrants are two factors which could sway a decision into matrimony, yet due to the nature of employment and the present economic situation, marriages stand far more chance of suffering.

I do not believe that food and accommodation charges should be levied, due to the inconvenience and alternation of employment.

It is unfair that a single man with a mortgage on a property not within commuting distance of his employment should have to pay food and accommodation charges. In fact, the idea of a single man with a mortgage, or an unmarried man with a mortgage, is becoming far more common.

While realising that the difference in conditions will favour the married man, due to retention, the situation is in desperate need of amendment — Peter B. Chase. (L M E M (M)), HMS Eastbourne.

ON BECOMING separated from my wife, I immediately forfeited all rights of the married man. I believe that such rights as entitlement to married quarters, separation allowance, etc. should be forfeited, but disagree vehemently with the loss of separation warrants.

They are designed to enhance family harmony and reunion and, although my wife is no longer part of that family, I do still have responsibilities to my children.

At a time when finances are difficult, it is wrong that these warrants should be denied as great expense is incurred in travelling and accommodation to maintain fatherly contact.

### Ludicrous

Secondly, I wonder why married and single lodging allowance for the London area differs by as much as £2.67 per day for senior rates. As I am working in the London area and having to live in the same type of accommodation and incur the same expenses, I find this situation totally ludicrous, particularly as the married man would also be in receipt of separation allowance / warrants, etc. should he be so entitled.

I feel that the situation as a whole concerning the single and married man must be reviewed, particularly with reference to divorcees with children, LSAOP for the single man and many other aspects, too. — Disillusioned. London.

## Odyssey of a landing craft

REGARDING the article (November issue) about long trips by landing craft, I well remember, as a member of the crew of LCT 1054 taking the craft from Glasgow (after a tropicalisation refit for Far East duties) to Cochin in India, via Gibraltar, Malta, Suez and Aden early in 1945.

The trip was under the craft's own power as far as Aden, and then under tow by a liberty ship from Aden to Cochin. — D. F. Green (ex-telegraphist), Tywyn, Gwynedd.

## Loch Fyne

### steamboat

IT IS ACCEPTED, but with some disbelief, when I mention to my ex-Navy pals that an American stern-paddler river steamboat (Mississippi / Paul Robeson vintage) was anchored in Loch Fyne near Inverary, Scotland, in either 1942 or 1943.

During my RN commando training at Inverary I remember being accommodated aboard.

It would interest me to know a little of her history, and what happened to her. — W. J. Attwell, Bristol.

## Days of £100

### gratuity

THE DETAILS of the redundancy payments, published in your January issue, took my mind back to 1945 when I left the Navy as a chief petty officer after 17 years' service with a payment of less than £100.

Earlier, in 1943, I was not even eligible for the small gratuity that went with the good conduct medal because I had re-engaged for pension.

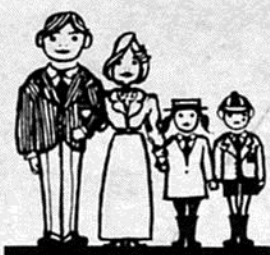
How times have changed (and thank goodness) for the better. — C.P.Q. Beck, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

## Kindred

### spirit

THE LETTER of George F. Draper (January) was very interesting, and I have written to him as a kindred spirit. I joined the Navy on January 23, 1903 and was pensioned on March 22, 1926 as the senior CPO telegraphist in the Andrew. News of any survivors of "Victory" 1903 would be welcomed. — Chas E. T. Cutler, Exmouth, Devon.

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## SAVE IT BY CHEQUE-ING

ROSM WHITEHOUSE (February) appears to be putting himself to a lot of unnecessary expense when he pays £6 in taxi fares to cash his cheques in Helensburgh.

Cheque cashing facilities are available in HMS Neptune on five days a week. On Mondays and Fridays he may cash his cheques in the Pay Office from 0815 to 1130, and on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday a sub-branch of the Clydesdale Bank is open in the shopping arcade from 1030 to 1330.

While the facilities are not as

extensive as we would like, it should be remembered that the Pay Office is not complemented to provide this service and that, with the majority of personnel banking with English banks, there is not a lot of incentive for Scottish banks to provide this service on behalf of other banks. — J. Nicholson (Lieut.-Cdr.), Office of Base Supply Officer, HMS Neptune.



JACK

by Tuzi



# Acceptable face of Navy News?

LIBRARIANS tend to develop delusions of grandeur as their position means that they are censors of the books available to the public.

This is fine if they confine themselves to excluding books that are palpably harmful, for example those portraying excessive violence or perverted or distorted sexual activity, but to keep out Navy News on the grounds that it shows the occasional picture of a scantily-clad young woman is quite unacceptably dictatorial.



Britain. We do not exist just to please men by "looking attractive;" we have brains too.

No doubt it is too much to expect a sudden change in attitude in Navy News, but you must realise that there are a great many women, such as Ms Young and myself, who campaign against this form of injustice — **Fran Long (Ms)**, Plymouth.

## Rights

WITH reference to "Banned" (February), one could take a very righteous attitude and say that Ms Young has no right to deny possible future members of the Service access to an ideal and easily-acquired recruiting medium.

One must also assume that pupils are not allowed to read the average daily paper containing, as it does, photographs of scantily-clad women.

And what about the wanton creatures in Page 32 of the Navy News February issue, shamelessly displaying stockings and suspenders to amuse and titillate the male personnel in the audience? Although, on reading her letter, presumably there is nothing wrong with this as the girls in question are all members of the WRNS.

I am 100 per cent, for female equality, equal rights and all the other things that the modern woman should have. But leave well alone, Ms Young. If you don't like it, don't read it — but don't deny others their rights — **M. J. Snowball**, PO(R), RN air station Portland.

## Amusement

AS A READER, an ex-HO member of the Royal Navy and now the principal of an independent boarding school, I write with great amusement regarding Ms. P. S. Young's letter.

Certainly Navy News is available in my library and I have never found anything that is unacceptable or indeed that one cannot find in most daily news-

## Torture

When I was Head of English in my school, I had a long argument with the County Schools Librarian of the time who refused to stock Enid Blyton or W. E. Johns on the curious grounds that all the pupils would want to read them!

She would have the vapours at the kind of books my present fourth and fifth-year pupils want to read and which are not in the school library; explicit detail of gruesome torture and mutilation by weapons or car and plane crashes, and impossible sexual feats by apparent supermen. Come back, Enid, all is forgiven!

I am ex-RAF myself but I have read Navy News ever since my son joined BRNC in 1968, and I should be sorry to see the occasional photo of an attractive girl phased out; a totally unacceptable defence cut! — **L. B. Wheatley**, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.

## Chauvinism

AT LAST you have actually printed a letter criticising your very obvious sexist / chauvinistic attitude towards women. I would like to support Ms Young's views, though I doubt

**THE more I read Ms Young's letter the more infuriated I became. Has she taken it upon herself to censor the reading material of students at the school? To ease the problem would you please forward the enclosed photograph to Lamb's Navy Rum for consideration for next year's calendar. The young lady shown has given her permission in case anybody does recognise her.** — **P. A. Spencer, CWEM(O)**, Milton, Southsea, Hants.

very much whether you would print another critical letter such as mine.

"Sexist" may not be in your dictionary, but try looking up the word "chauvinism." It was, I suppose, to be expected that you would deal with Ms Young's views in a flippant manner.

My boy friend happens to be in the Navy, and happens to agree with my feelings for women's rights. The inequality of the sexes is no joke when it leads to rape and other acts of violence against women. I was almost attacked myself once, here in Plymouth, at night.

Women are oppressed in all countries of the world, including

# Compounded crime

As one who's frequently complained About the glamour unrestrained That mars the pages I peruse Each time I get the Navy News I'm not surprised Ms Young (from Glos.) Is (let's be candid) rather cross About that pic we all remember — And others — published in December. I see you aggravate your crime With further diagrams sublime — Miss Britain finalists, no less! I also notice with distress

A lively can-can chorus line Exposing attributes divine In pantomime performed in 'Drake' — I bet that kept the troops awake! Well, as a one-time MAA I always say such crime can't pay. To prove the truth of what I state I fear I'll have to confiscate Those "sexist," scintillating prints That made your staid complainant wince And just to ease my grave concern Please rush them to me by return. **Bernard Camplion**

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# Feeling the draft over ES billets

I AM ALL in favour of Extended Service engagements being approved for ratings who have or are about to complete time for pension, and who wish to fill billets in the main naval port areas.

The chances are that they will not be occupying a billet for which there are any General Service volunteers. I am sure there are disgruntled non-preferencees in Rosyth and Faslane who would gladly give up their billets to an ES man, and no doubt Drafty would be delighted were he able to increase the number of such billets.

I am nearing the end of a 22-year engagement and was looking forward to being drafted near home for the remainder of my time. I accept that such a draft is not always possible, but at the time things

definitely did look favourable.

Imagine my dismay, therefore, when I discovered that the billet had been approved for ES. Had there been no volunteers from General Service, I would have understood.

Surely Drafty, with his finger on the pulse, should be drawn into the decision - making in these cases. Or is he left out of it, as happens so often when commanding officers advertise ES billet vacancies in local orders only?

Are all the interested people given a fair deal? — **B. M. Jeffrey (CPOWTR)**, HMS Cochrane.

## Drafty's answer

Readers may like to have an explanation about the procedure, which (says Drafty) should give them an assurance that they are drawn into the decision-making.

When a commanding officer considers that there is a good case for an existing Active Service billet to be made into an Extended Service billet, application is made to the Ministry of Defence through the administrative authority.

A copy of the submission also goes to Naval Drafting Division to see if there are any drafting objections to the change.

Where the billet is in a popular drafting area, NDD will normally resist the change, in the interests of

the many Active Service volunteers. If it is in an unpopular or remote area for which there are few, if any, volunteers, the change is not resisted — on the contrary it may be positively encouraged.

MOD then decide whether the change is justified, after taking into account branch structures, promotion prospects, and the frequently differing perspectives of NDD and the establishment concerned.

Once a change to ES is decided, NDD forwards a list of known volunteers to the commanding officer. The availability of an applicant may affect his suitability for selection, which is otherwise entirely the prerogative of the commanding officer.

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## Cattistock to sign on, Cottesmore launched

HMS CATTISTOCK is to be accepted into the Royal Navy at Portsmouth on March 5.

The third Hunt-class mine countermeasures vessel, she sailed from Vosper Thornycroft's Woolston yard at Southampton on January 18 to carry out contractor's sea trials, which she has since completed.

The latest Hunt-class vessel to come off the stocks, HMS Cottesmore, was launched by Lady Buchanan, wife of Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, at Yarrow's Scotstoun shipyard on February 9. The Cottesmore is the first of the new class to be built in Scotland.

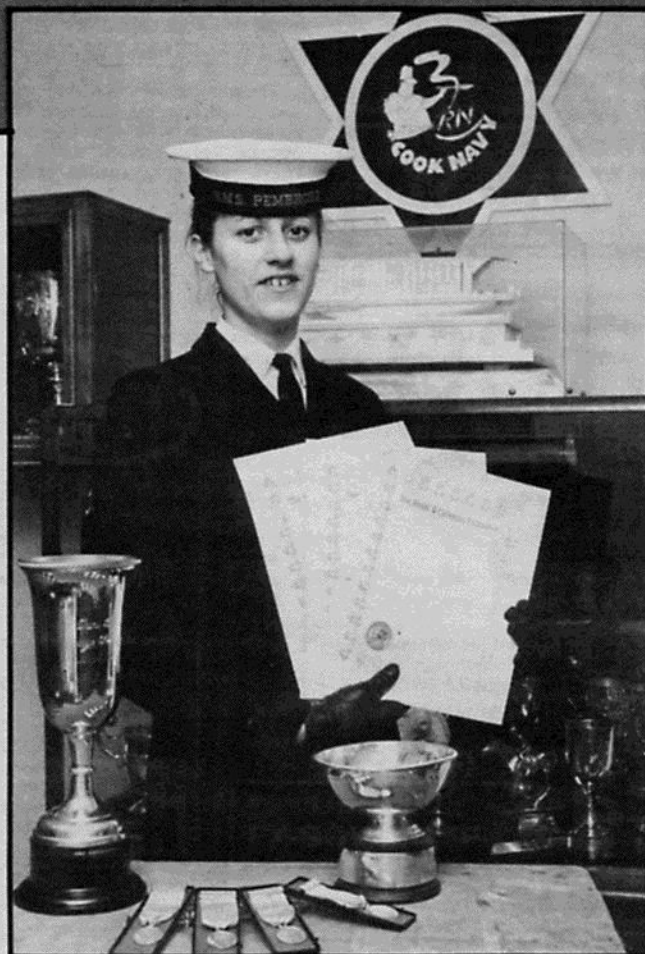
## Ships host Lorraine

"ALADDIN" star Lorraine Chase has been taking the opportunity to meet the Navy during the pantomime's long run in Portsmouth.

Lorraine — with Dora Bryan, Brian Cant, Derek Griffiths and other members of the cast — were entertained to lunch in the new Type 42 destroyer HMS Southampton and, ten days later, in HMS Intrepid.

Last month the Southampton paid a four-day visit to Leith. Meanwhile, the Intrepid's Decommissioning Book has been made available from Lieut.-Cdr. P. J. Tribe, HMS Intrepid, BFPO Ships, price £3.50. It contains 48 pages and 90 photographs.

# Karen strikes gold!



Even the trophies look almost good enough to eat! WRENCK Karen Austin proudly displays the awards she won at Hotelympia.

JUDGING by the honours scooped by Wren cooks at the international catering and hotel exhibition at Hotelympia in London those who think men make the best cooks had better think again!

Winner of four gold medals, one silver medal and some coveted prestigious awards was WRENCK Karen Austin, who donned uniform for the first time six months ago.

Karen, who is serving in HMS Warrior at Northwood, gained the highest marks in the Junior Salon competition classes which won her the William Page Bursary entitling her to a four-week study tour overseas.

In addition, she was awarded the President's Bowl and the Challenge Trophy with a cash prize of £25.

### 'OUTSTANDING'

Her three prizewinning junior class exhibits — a hot sweet, an orange soufflé pudding and a potato cookery entry — were all prepared before audiences, which included the judges as well as students from catering colleges from all over the country against whom she competed.

Said Lieut. Fred Motley, cookery training officer in Pembroke: "For somebody still doing her basic training, her successes are quite outstanding."

In the Senior Salon competitions LWRENCK Geraldine Scott of HMS Nelson won further glory for the Navy — the prestigious Madame Prunier Challenge Trophy for the most outstanding female service entry, which also won her a silver medal.

### MORE MEDALS

Further gold medals were won for the Navy by FCCK K. Fraser and POCK D. Scott of the Cookery School, HMS Pembroke. CK J. Birch of HMS Illustrious won a silver medal and bronze medals were won by POCK K. Flanagan, HMS Pembroke, and LCK P. Bassett of the Staff of Captain Second Submarine Squadron.

Certificates of merit were won by POKKT E. Spicer, POCK Scott, WRENSTD Sandra Jones, A/CK D. Dibsdaile, A/CK C. D. McCaw all of HMS Pembroke, and by LSTD J. Howes (HMS Hecla), CK N. Iloft (HMS Dolphin), WRENCK Elizabeth Cooper (HMS Raleigh), LCK R. Kerwood and POCK T. Stevenson (HMS Diomedes), LCK T. Rothwell (HMS Apollo) and CK J. Mullen (HMS Daedalus).

## Antelope sings dockyard's praises

THE MEN of HMS Antelope gave their thanks in musical fashion for a successful docking and essential defects period at Devonport.

Commanding officer, Cdr. Nicholas Tobin, and the ship's company invited naval and dockyard personnel to a recital and reception in the ship on February 24.

The Duchy String quartet played a work by Beethoven, Plymouth Gilbert and Sullivan Fellowship sang excerpts from "HMS Pinafore," and the evening ended with a rousing rendering of "What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor?" and "Rule Britannia."

Among the guests were the Flag Officer Plymouth, Vice-Admiral Simon Cassels, and the Flag Officer Second Flotilla, Rear-Admiral R. W. F. Gerken.

## Kirkliston in fjords

HMS Kirkliston, now enjoying a six-month attachment to Standing Naval Force Channel, spent a two-week exercise period in the Norwegian fjords.

Also in the squadron are one Belgian, a German and two Dutch ships. They operated under the control of a Norwegian mine countermeasures squadron and visited Bergen, Haakonsfær and Stavanger.

## APPOINTMENTS

# New Director WRNS

THE NEXT Director WRNS is to be Supt. Patricia Swallow, pictured here, who is to be promoted commandant and to succeed Commandant Elizabeth Craig-McFeely on July 30.

In addition to her overall responsibilities for the WRNS, the Director also advises the Admiralty Board on the Royal Navy's uniform and clothing policy.

Supt. Swallow, who comes from a naval family, joined the WRNS as a signal Wren. She was promoted third officer in 1954 and her subsequent service included appointments in Malta and Norway and as officer-in-charge WRNS Gibraltar.

### LATIMER

Later, as a first officer, she was officer-in-charge WRNS at Chatham and Yeovilton and at the new-entry training establishment HMS Dauntless.

She was one of the first women admitted to the National Defence College, Latimer, and in 1977 joined the staff of CINCPACVHOM as command personnel officer — the first



time a woman had held this appointment.

In 1979 she was promoted superintendent and became Deputy Director WRNS. The following year took up her present appointment on the staff of CINCPACVHOM as staff officer training co-ordination with special responsibility for the WRNS as command WRNS officer.

Supt. Swallow's father was a captain and her mother a wartime WRNS officer. Her grandfather was also a captain

and two aunts were in the WRNS.

Other appointments recently announced include:

Capt. C. Orpe, MOD with Controller Aircraft and as Director of Helicopter Projects, June 11 (To serve as commodore).

Capt. C. J. L. Croft, MOD (PE) with DGW(N) and as DSWS, March 18. (To serve as commodore).

Capt. C. R. V. Doe, Osprey in command and as Flag Captain to Flag Officer Sea Training, March 17.

Capt. A. J. B. Laybourne, As COS to Flag Officer Medway and Capt. of the Port and Queen's Harbourmaster Chatham, May 7.

Cdr. P. K. Haddacks, Alacrity in command, April 3.

Cdr. N. Westberg, Charybdis in command, April 5.

Cdr. G. L. D. W. Gough, Danae in command, July 22.

Cdr. J. P. Cardale, File in command, July 8.

Cdr. G. D. B. Robinson, Arethusa in command, June 29.

Cdr. I. V. McVittie, Revenge (Starboard) in command, August 2.

Cdr. C. K. D. Cobley, Cardiff in command, July 1.

Lieut.-Cdr. K. A. Johnson, Wakeful July 13 and in command.

Lieut.-Cdr. H. J. Milton, Staff of Flag Officer Medway for RNR London, and Lewiston in command.

Lieut.-Cdr. R. G. T. Raikes, Jersey, June 7 and in command.

Lieut.-Cdr. I. Thorpe, Anglesey, July 13 and in command (amended order).

Lieut.-Cdr. D. G. Dann, Guernsey, May 4 and in command (amended order).

Lieut.-Cdr. M. C. Butcher, Bossington August 23 and in command.

## Kyle plaque to be unveiled

A PLAQUE commemorating the officers and men of HMS Trelawney and the 1st Minelaying Squadron who served at Kyle of Lochalsh during the Second World War is to be unveiled by the Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland (Vice-Admiral R. R. Squires) at a ceremony in Kyle on Saturday, April 24.

All who served there during the war are invited to attend, and the Lochalsh Hotel is offering special rates. Further details from the First Lieutenant, BUTEC, Kyle of Lochalsh, Wester Ross, Scotland (tel. Kyle 4262).

## OBITUARY

W. Fisher, COEL RN and RM Careers Service, January 21.

P. H. Shaul, WEMN, RNR Sussex, January 21.

K. Wortley, CAEM(R), RNAS Cudmore, February 3.

J. Tait, Mecht. HMS Vernon, February 12.

D. Burford, Lieut.-Cdr. February 14.

J. R. Cooper, Maj., RM, HQ Northern Ireland, February 16.

Ex-CERA W. Sadler, Aged 91. Served on Council of RNFA and Kent FA. Founder member Medway Towns branch SOCA.

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# SLEEPING BOOTIES!

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LOADING and feasibility trials have been carried out by 40 Commando with HMS Invincible as the carrier practised one of her subsidiary roles. A few problems had been anticipated in first use of a new type of ship for this task, but the trials are reported to have been smoothly successful, demonstrating the potential of the class in the amphibious role.

The trials involved first a company group and then the whole Commando group, with its vehicles embarking over three days.

The following week the Commando group embarked and carried out a reinforcement landing on to the Bovington training area, some re-embarking next day.

During the trials about two-thirds of the Commando were accommodated on camp beds in the hangar deck, with others dispersed either in spare bunks, mess deck recreational spaces or miscellaneous spaces like the church and weight training room!

"Sticks" were called forward from the various bed spaces and met in the hangar deck before being taken up on deck in the forward aircraft lift for helicopter drills and flying off.

## A blow for equality

FOR Captain's Rounds in HMS Collingwood, Wren Sharon Hoyle, who works on secretarial duties in the Basic Training School, blew the bosun's pipe. She had spent several days perfecting her whistle under the guidance of LS Clifford.

Little  
and  
large

ABOVE: With vehicles embarked in HMS Invincible, members of 40 Commando prepare to use her Sea King helicopters.

RIGHT: About two-thirds of the RM Commando which embarked in HMS Invincible for the loading trials were accommodated on camp beds in the hangar deck.



AT THE END of her final patrol with a Fishery Protection Squadron, HMS Cuxton flies her paying-off pennant as she passes HMS Invincible in the Forth. The 29-year-old MCMV was met at her berth by the Royal Marines Band of Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland. On February 25 she entered the RNR as the seagoing tender to Tay Division at Dundee.

## Officers clamour for Long Service Medal

MUCH interest and a wave of applications have resulted from the change of rule which now allows many naval officers with rating service to wear the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The Medals Section in HMS Centurion and the Naval Secretary's Department in London have been kept busy by last year's announcement which brought the Navy into line with the other services over issue of these medals to officers. The new rule also applies to the Royal Marines.

Most of the 700 applications are proving successful.

About half the medals have now been issued to ships and establishments, and presentations are being made. Some of the medals are still in process of

being engraved by the Army Medal Office, while particulars of the remaining applications are still going through the checking process.

Not all who are believed to qualify have applied, but it is thought that the application "flood" is now over. As the process settles, it is believed that about 30 officers a year will now become eligible.

### MINIMUM

The change of rule has allowed the medal to be awarded to officers with 15 years' reckonable service, including a minimum of 12 years as a rating. Members of the WRNS and QARNNS are unable at present to qualify.

For the clasp, the requirement is 15 years' reckonable service from the date of award of the medal, seven years of

which should have been served as a rating.

This involves a minimum of 22 years' rating service, followed by a commission — a limited category. So far there have been only about 40 applications granted, mostly from members of the Careers Service.

● News items about medals often produce queries about eligibility, particularly from retired members of the Service. Readers should know that the new rule applies only to those serving on or after March 27 1981.

### Dartmouth date

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA will represent the Queen at Lord High Admiral's Divisions at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on April 7.

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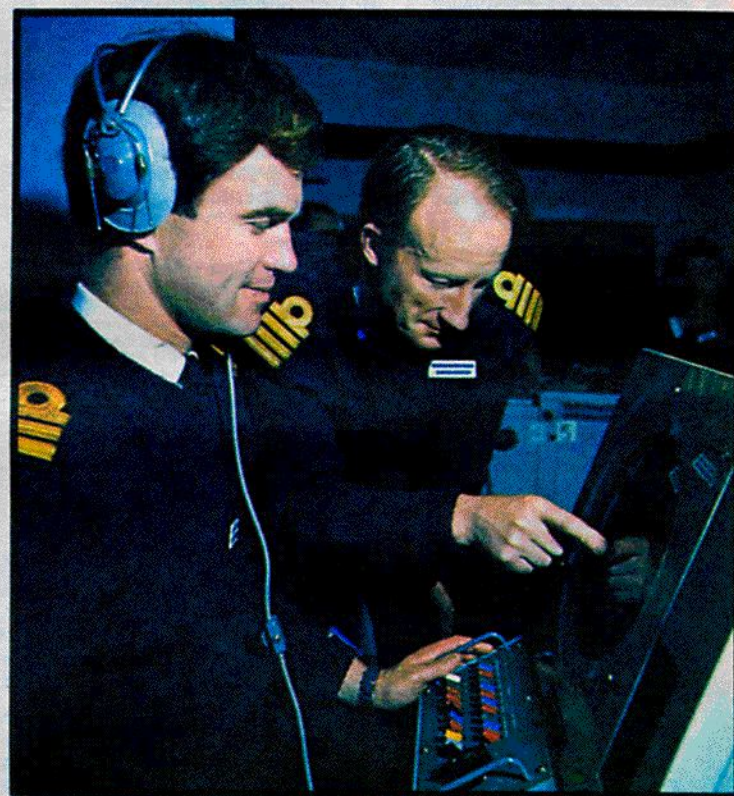
awesome responsibility on the small staff of the Royal Navy's Maritime Tactical School based in HMS Dryad.

For it is at the Tactical School that the Royal Navy's sea-going commanders — and their Commonwealth and NATO counterparts — are enlightened as to the very latest tactical theory.

At four five-week courses



ABOVE: The heart of the Maritime Tactical School is the Tactical Floor, an amphitheatre in which students and staff get to grips with tactical theory. Staff on the floor are (left to right) Cdr. Dennis Davis, Cdr. Colin Campbell, Capt. Gordon Walwyn, Wren Sally Pringle, Wren Terry Ball and Cdr. Tony McEwen. RIGHT: Taking part in a war game in the Maritime Tactical School's computerised trainer are (left) Cdr. C. L. Wreford-Brown and Capt. N. F. Dingemans. Cdr. Wreford-Brown takes command of the nuclear submarine HMS Conqueror this month, while Capt. Dingemans is standing by to take command of the new Type 22 frigate HMS Brazen.



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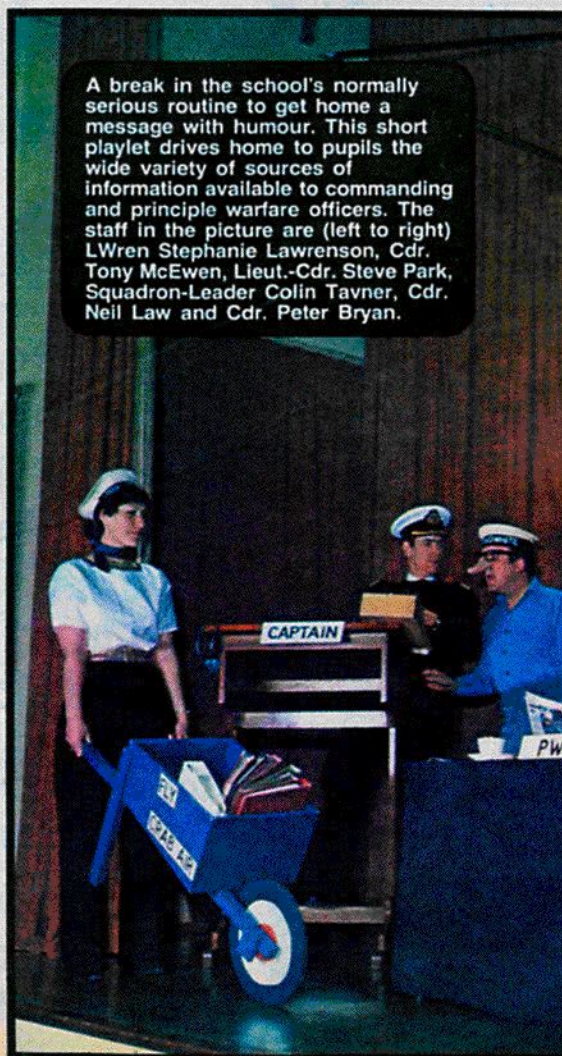
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A break in the school's normally serious routine to get home a message with humour. This short playlet drives home to pupils the wide variety of sources of information available to commanding and principle warfare officers. The staff in the picture are (left to right) LWren Stephanie Lawrenson, Cdr. Tony McEwen, Lieut.-Cdr. Steve Park, Squadron-Leader Colin Tavner, Cdr. Neil Law and Cdr. Peter Bryan.



# WAR

## play is earnest

each year, officers ranging from rear-admirals to lieutenants pool a wealth of experience to learn, discuss, argue and evaluate. Also involved are Royal Air Force officers destined to command units engaged in joint RAF-RN operations.

### Scientists

Further depth and variety is added by the presence of civilian scientists involved in military defence projects and research.

Leading and prompting them are Capt. Gordon Walwyn, Director of the Maritime Tactical School, and his team of nine naval and three RAF officers, all of them experts in different aspects of naval and air warfare.

Much of the Maritime Tactical School's work is of a highly classified nature. For British and NATO tactics to have any reality, Capt. Walwyn and his staff have to be aware of the tactics — and capabilities — of possible aggressors.

### Incidents

They need to keep up to date with Soviet naval developments, deployments and patterns of behaviour. They are in close touch with the C-in-Cs. Naval Home Command and Fleet, the Staffs of Flag Officers Flotilla, the Ministry of Defence, intelligence agencies, and the American equivalent of the Maritime Tactical School.

Lectures are continuously updated and frequently illustrated with "live" incidents from recent conflicts such as the

Arab-Israeli wars — but mostly from recent NATO exercises.

Not surprisingly, the school generates a certain amount of original tactical thought. Capt. Walwyn told Navy News that tactics evolved at the school had recently been introduced into a NATO exercise.

The officers on the staff, a high percentage of whom have had recent command experience, liaise closely with the Joint Maritime Operations Training School, the Edinburgh-based unit that plans the Navy's testing "mini-war" Joint Maritime Courses.

### US liaison

Virtually all members of the staff deploy in ships, maritime headquarters and aircraft during NATO's major exercises, attend the wash-ups and subsequently analyse the exercise reports.

"In order that we don't get out of synchronisation with the United States, we send officers on their courses to keep up to date with their thinking," said Capt. Walwyn. "We have a completely free interchange of tactical information with them."

The school maintains an extensive reference library and adds constantly to its history of naval warfare. Staff are aware that lessons learned in Korea and the Second World War may well be relevant today. And it is the task of retired Lieut.-Cdr. Jack Limburn to keep records of all tactical lessons learned.

Various methods are employed to put across the tactical doctrine, and the students are put to the test in the Maritime Tactical School's computerised



tactical trainer. Each course is given a series of tactical problems to tackle in group syndicates.

Several solutions are usually forthcoming, one of which will be chosen by the Director to be played out as a war game in the tactical trainer. Results are sometimes unforeseen...

Staff monitor the war, interrupting and influencing if necessary, and each plot is filmed for reference when staff and students analyse the games later.

Other solutions to the problems will be talked out on the

Tactical Floor — an amphitheatre at the heart of the school's work. It provides a large visual aid to discussion, and clarifies an often complex pattern of warfare.

Tactics at sea are aimed at coordinating the functions of many diverse units — surface ships, submarines, helicopters — and confounding the threat to them.

Rapidly developing satellite technology may deprive the Fleet of covert movement, and electronic warfare may further confuse the picture.

The school's Tactical Floor is

also used as a forum for what are called Fleet Tactical Panels — groups of high-powered experts brought together to work on a specific defence problem touching the Navy.

In addition to the five-week courses, the Tactical School runs short courses designed specially for RAF and RNR officers. Other aspects of the school's work include the briefing of admirals and Ministers on particular tactical situations that have arisen around the world, and laying on presentations for students from the Service staff colleges.

Monitoring a war game in the Cunningham Trainer are the Director of the Maritime Tactical School, Capt. Gordon Walwyn, and LWren Nicola White. Colour pictures: PO(Phot) Radar Thompson.

## Experts in every field

THE Maritime Tactical School moved to HMS Dryad in 1970. Its previous home since 1947 had been the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

It is completely independent of Dryad's main function as the Royal Navy's School of Maritime Operations.

Man in charge of the Tactical School is its Director, Capt. Gordon Walwyn, who led the team that planned the Jubilee Review of the Fleet at Spithead. Virtually every naval and air specialisation is catered for by his small staff.

### Deputies

He has two deputies, Cdr. Jimmy James RN and Wing-Cdr. Chris Moore RAF, the resident Nimrod expert.

Royal Navy staff include Cdr. Tony McEwen (missile expert), Cdr. Colin Campbell (electronic warfare and communications), Cdr. Peter Bryan (submarines), Cdr. Dennis Davis (underwater warfare), Cdr. Neil Law (helicopters), Cdr. John Taylor (tactical co-ordination), Lieut.-Cdr. Geoffrey Billson (air defence) and Lieut.-Cdr. Steve Park (observer).

In addition to Wing-Cdr. Moore, the RAF expertise is provided by Wing-Cdr. Peter Desmond (fighter aircraft) and Squadron-Leader Colin Towner (strike attack).

Administrative officer is Third Officer Johanna Grindle.

## Pretty good back-up

BEHIND every tactician there's a pretty Wren. They provide the back-up to the teaching staff, prepare slides for lectures, manoeuvre ships and aircraft on the Tactical Floor, and run the computer in the tactical trainer.

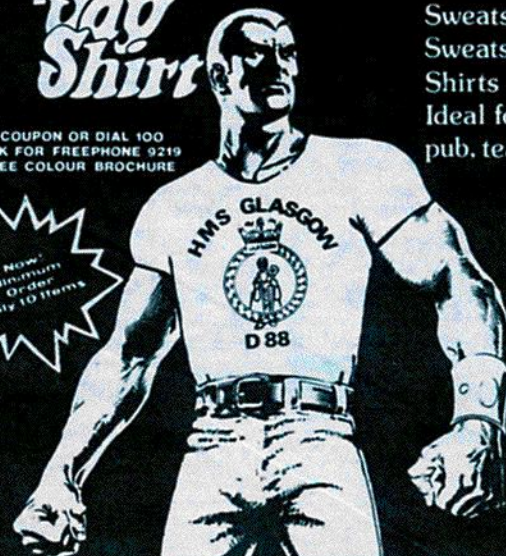
Pictured are (kneeling, left to right) Wrens Jackie Broadley and Trina Hall; (standing) Wrens Belinda Trentham and Loraine Booth; and (top) LWren Stephanie Lawrenson. They are under the direction of FCPO Roger Abell.



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# TWO PAGES FOR Buying on the home market

THE scheme which gives serving personnel first option in buying surplus married quarters has now been in operation for nearly a year. How much interest has there been in the programme, under which prices are fixed by the Property Services Agencies (but there are no discounts)?

About once a week, bulletins listing properties available are issued by the Joint Services Married Quarters Sales Office for display by units of all three Services.

After ten months' operation of the scheme, 387 quarters had been offered for sale in this way — 68 Royal Navy, 231 Army and 88 RAF. Of these, 27 had been sold, with another 51 in the selling process and subject to contract.

Among the total sales, 11 were RN quarters (three of them sold to RN personnel, seven to Army and one to the RAF). In addition, one RN member purchased an Army quarter.

Service men and women have a priority for quarters being sold by their own Service, but this does not stop them applying to buy quarters offered by the other Services.

## Age factor

If there is more than one offer at the asking price from within a Service, the man or woman with the longest reckonable service will get it. And if that is the same, age is the deciding factor.

After that, applications from the other Services are considered.

Naval quarters which go on

offer are, of course, mainly round the main base ports, whereas the Army and RAF quarters are dispersed all over the country.

The quarters which have been offered have covered the whole of the British Isles and ranged in price from £95,000 for a Type 2 official residence to more modest properties around the £14,000 mark.

## Examples

A few examples (though these are not necessarily now still available) will provide some idea of price levels:

- Type 4 quarter in Liverpool (post-war detached house, four bedrooms, Army), £33,000.
- Type C at Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire (semi-detached, three bedrooms, RN), £18,000.
- Type C at Plymouth (semi-detached, three bedrooms, Army), £19,000.
- Type C at Dargetts Road, Chatham (semi-detached, three bedrooms), £18,500.
- Middle terrace house, Samson Close, Rowner (three bedrooms), £16,000.

The bulletins give details of the properties and explain indi-



## Submariners get a 'leg-stretcher'

A CAMPER vehicle — to let submariners and their families "stretch their legs in comfort" — has been formally handed over to HMS Dolphin.

The Grants Committee of the Tot Fund had decided that £7,750 of the latest donation of £11,500 from Pusser's Rum Ltd. should go towards buying the camper.

At a ceremony in HMS Dolphin, the Captain (Capt. R. T. Newman) was presented with the keys of the vehicle by Mr. Charles Tobias, managing director of Pusser's, who said the camper should allow submariners and their families to enjoy breaks with comfort.

After the handing over of the keys (pictured here), Capt. Newman presented a memento statuette to Mr. Tobias, who later visited HM submarine Onyx, the Submarine Museum and the Alliance.

The help towards purchase of the five-berth camper came from the second cheque which Pusser's has passed to the Tot Fund, arising from the sale of rum. The idea is to allocate these generous donations to specific projects such as the camper.

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vidual arrangements for viewing. The method of applying is set out in DCI (RN) J 182/81. Bids have to be in within 28 days and, if successful, a deposit of two-and-a-half per cent of the selling price then has to be paid within 14 days. This is refundable should the purchaser decide to withdraw at a later date up to exchange of contracts.

In cases of difficulty over timing — for instance serving

abroad or at sea — those applying can appoint someone else to act on their behalf.

## Advice

A good piece of advice for those contemplating applying is first to approach the building society or bank where it is hoped to get a mortgage loan to obtain a clear indication of the sum likely to be available.


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As the scheme prepares for its second year after a steady if unspectacular start, the hope is that more people wishing to get into the housing market without

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Dealing with the scheme is the Joint Services MQ Sales Office at Headquarters UK Land Forces, Wilton, Salisbury, SP2 0AG, where naval interests are looked after by CPOWTR P. Frost. Telephone number is Salisbury Military, ext. 2684 or 2693.



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## FAMILIES

# Laker: Wives' trips saved

SEVERAL naval wives who feared that the Laker air collapse spelt disaster for their holiday-in-the-sun bookings now look safely set for American reunions with their husbands. But at a price.

It is known that at least seven wives and two children were hoping to fly by Laker Skytrain from Gatwick to Miami in late March.

Husbands in HMS Danae, the Royal Navy's STANAV-FORLANT ship, are still able to plan to join them while the ship is in Norfolk, Virginia.

One wife, who lives in the Plymouth area, had paid £264 for a return ticket plus £132 each for her 12-year-old son and nine-year-old daughter.

## Chance

After news of the Laker collapse, she and others thought they had lost out totally when they learnt that, while package holiday bookings were protected by insurance cover, straight-forward airline ticket bookings were not.

Having paid cash in advance, it looked as if they would simply become creditors of the company and take their chance on getting something back in due course.

But the situation proved somewhat better. In the case of the wife and two children, the local travel agency with whom she had booked confirmed that, although they had paid deposits for the Laker tickets, the rest of the money had been retained in holding accounts. Wisely, as it happened.

## Bookings

The result was that the agents were able to offer bookings on another airline provided the wife could find £25 each representing the three lost deposits and about £40 to cover the more expensive seats on another airline — a total of about £115.

At a price, that saved the holiday — and a great deal of disappointment. It also avoided "wait-and-see" uncertainty over recovery of a large sum of money.

The other wives, who had

## Double take!

HERE is a photograph of a photographer taking a photograph of himself as his photograph is taken by his wife (who used to be a photographer!)

Puzzled? Then read on... The occasion was when Leading Airman (Phot) Danny du Feu received his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in Gibraltar from the commanding officer of HMS Rooke (Cdr. A. P. Harris).

Lights and camera were set up, the group posed and



looked towards the lens — and Danny took the picture with a 20ft. air cable release (you'll see it if you look closely just below his left hand).

Appropriately, his wife Tina

was both in the picture and taking some of her own, as she used to be a Wren photographer and served in HMS Excellent and HMS Dolphin. Later she took the "official" photographs.

## FAMILY'S THANKS

THE MOTHER and brothers of AB(S) P. Lotwick, of HMS Orkney, who died after a road accident, wish to thank all officers and shipmates for messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their sad loss; with special thanks to staff and Red Cross at RN Hospital Haslar.

## TWIN TREAT FOR NEIL

A YOUNG able seaman was flown back to Britain from the Bahamas when there was concern over the birth of the twins his wife was expecting — but it proved a story with a happy ending.

When a signal arrived in HMS Andromeda, AB Neil Underdown was landed in Nassau later the same day. Next day he was on a plane for Britain, landing at Heathrow the following morning.

From there Service transport took him to Plymouth, where the twins had been born to his 21-year-old wife Karen at Freedom Fields Hospital the previous evening.

## SWIFT

The Naval Personal and Family Services organisation at Plymouth, with naval support from the other end, had moved swiftly to bring AB Underdown home when they learnt from the doctors of Karen's high blood pressure and possible complications.

Although her husband just missed the birth, Karen was delighted he could be home. Neil was granted ten days' compassionate leave.

Mark, who weighed in at 5lb. 12oz., and identical twin Paul (an ounce heavier) were soon doing well.

booked separately, were also able to come to individual arrangements with their travel agents for transfer to other airlines, it is understood.

Families make bookings for holiday reunions abroad in varying ways, sometimes through group arrangements in the ship concerned. And there is insurance cover available these days for all kinds of hazards — personal accident, loss of luggage, medical expenses and more.

For the Navy there are also schemes to cover some family reunion holidays abroad should they become affected by changes in a ship's programme.

But many people are now discovering to their cost that, although agents and other airlines are willing to help where they can, flight bookings alone

are not, apparently, covered by insurance against the folding up of an airline.

Like everyone else, naval families can find themselves facing heartbreak and a nasty financial shock. Although the Danae wives seem to have been among the lucky ones this time, they have still had to dig deeper into their pockets.

If insurance can cover you from the cradle to the grave (as the insurance people are keen enough to let you know as they promote their product), why not cover for this contingency?

The aftermath of the Laker crash provides timely opportunity for someone in the air and insurance businesses to try to block off a loophole through which many would-be and unfortunate travellers seem to have taken an expensive tumble.

## FROM THE HEART



THREE young Valentines put their heads together at RN air station Yeovilton in February to celebrate the season of tokens of affection. With a surname like theirs, it was an appropriate occasion for a hearty photograph. Twin brothers David (left) and Ivor joined the Royal Navy about eight years ago and now specialise as aircraft firefighters. Sister Gwenda, who joined the WRNS in 1976, is a stores accountant.

Picture: PO(Phot) J. B. Sanders

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GET WISE ON **DCIs**

The aim of this regular feature is to give a general impression of the new Defence Council Instructions affecting conditions of service, but in the event of action being taken the full original text should be studied.

# About turn on new rig for stewards

A "MIXED RECEPTION" given to the new informal working dress for junior stewards and catering accountants has resulted in an about-turn by the Navy, who have decided to go back to the more traditional naval uniform.

The official announcement says that the informal working dress was introduced in 1979. "While some personnel favour this distinctive working dress there are others who prefer stewards to wear the more traditional naval uniform dress."

The statement goes on to explain that the continued deferment of the introduction of the white jacket for the formal dress, as a result of financial constraints, has also been a cause of frustration, and it would be reasonable to assume that its introduction could not be achieved during the next few years.

In view of the dislike of the informal dress and the effect of the deferment of the formal dress, it has been decided to abolish these special working dresses and to cancel introduction of the stewards' white jackets.

Regarding HM Yacht Britannia and locally-entered personnel of the Hong Kong Port Division, the arrangements have yet to be decided. Separate instructions will be issued as soon as possible.

The current entitlement to dry

cleaning of No.1 suits at Crown expense on a maximum of three occasions a year will continue.

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## Swimming test safety moves

EXTRA precautions are to be taken in naval swimming tests, following a recent incident in which a sailor collapsed and died.

Although neither the test nor the way it was conducted contributed to the fatality, which could have arisen from some other form of strenuous activity, the case has drawn attention to the possible risks in allowing swimmers undergoing tests to approach the threshold of their endurance.

An Admiralty announcement points out that there is a natural tendency for inexperienced

swimmers to keep going when it may no longer make sense to do so, and physical training staff may be reluctant to order them out of the water if they are close to success.

To reduce risk the following instructions are to be applied immediately:

- PT staff are to be briefed on the possible risk and on the need to err on the safe side when swimmers begin to show signs of difficulty;
- Swimmers having difficulty should receive close supervision. If this is not possible or if such supervision would reduce the level of supervision on other swimmers in the group, the swimmer in difficulty should be ordered out of the water;
- When personnel are undergoing the naval swimming test clad in overalls, the total number of trainees in the water at any one time should not exceed 12 in two separately supervised groups of six.

Local training instructions are being amended accordingly.  
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### ☆ Certificate

THE Air Engineering Warrant Officers' Certificate of Authority (C of A), announced last year, is to be introduced forthwith.

The award may be made following a recommendation to the administrative authority by commanding officers when the conditions for the award have been met.

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### ☆ Red rover

OFFICERS who would like a change from the White Ensign to the Red (for a while) may apply for a Merchant Navy liaison voyage arranged by the Ministry of Defence (Navy) through the General Council of British Shipping.

Such a voyage could be as a voluntary alternative to the normal air passage for officers not accompanied by their families when proceeding to or returning from appointments abroad.

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"I hope they soon agree on a new rig for these blokes!"

## Wrong advice given to some widows

WIDOWS of a number of RN and RM personnel who have died on service have been advised by visiting officers against applying to the Department of Health and Social Security for war pension benefits for themselves and their families.

This has been on the grounds that the husband's death did not appear to be in any way attributable to his armed forces service. Such advice (says an official announcement), although given with the intention of avoiding false hopes, is wrong.

A decision on whether a service man's death is attributable to his service for pension purposes is for the Department of Health and Social Security alone.

Commanding officers should ensure that their representatives when visiting families of deceased personnel do not venture any opinion which may discourage an application for an attributable award.

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### ☆ Guide to pensions

JUDGING by the number of pension queries (sometimes bitter) received by Navy News and no doubt many others in the Service, recruits should find out about pensions before they enter. It is a little late to complain about the rules afterwards.

The Navy is anxious that all personnel should be well informed of their entitlements, and to this end has issued an official statement setting out how the entitlements develop during the course of a career.

The announcement is only a guide. Further information on matters such as commutation, purchase of added years, or transfer values, can be obtained "through the normal channels."

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### ☆ Gun run

"HIGH military qualities" are demanded from competitors taking part in the Royal Navy's annual Field Gun Competition, and those with an ambition to get their sweat-and-muscle halo for 1982 should be making their applications.

This year's competition will take place at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, from July 14 to July 31, with three crews competing — Portsmouth, Devonport, and Fleet Air Arm.

Ratings serving sea (home) or shore service (except new entry training) may volunteer for duty with the staff or crew of their choice.

Selected volunteers are to be drafted by April, having had Easter leave. Training with field gun equipment may not start before April 19.

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### ☆ Small arms

THE Royal Naval Small Arms Meeting, which forms part of the Services Skill-at-Arms Meeting (SSAM), will be held on the National Rifle Association's ranges at Bisley and on Ministry of Defence ranges at Pirbright and Ash, from June 30 to July 10, 1982 inclusive.

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### ☆ Horse course

BUDDING Clint Eastwoods may like to know that horse-riding courses are available to students of all ranks of all three services. Applicants should note that there is a charge for most of the courses.

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## Where sex equality ends!



"Her boyfriend gives her 10!"

ALTHOUGH there is plenty of sex equality in the Royal Navy some personnel will still be less equal than others.

Physical fitness tests are to be modified for women, the official statement defining these in BR51(1) as—  
Item 1a (pull-ups) — To be omitted.  
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# WOMAN DENTIST IN PERU EXPED.

## Hovering up the jungle!

NINE Royal Navy personnel — including a woman dentist — are set to join a hovercraft expedition that will attempt to take medical care to jungle-dwelling Indians along remote Amazon headwaters in Peru.

Using specially-built British lightweight hovercraft, the expedition will set up a "hover doctor" service to extend work done by health posts and clinics already established along the 120 miles of the Apurimac River.

Many of the Quechua and Campa Indian settlements in the jungle near the river remain out of reach of basic medical care. One of the expedition's main objectives will be to alleviate this situation.

Other members of the team will include eight RAF and four Army personnel and three civilians. Leading the project will be Squadron Leader Michael Cole, who took the successful Joint Services hovercraft expedition to Nepal in 1978-79.

Only woman in the team is Surg.-Lieut. (D) Catherine White from RN Hospital Haslar. No stranger to adventure, she led a

climbing expedition to the Caucasus Mountains in the Soviet Union last year.

A second naval dentist, Surg.-Lieut. (D) Andy Prosser from 40 Commando RM, is also in the team. Other naval participants are Surg.-Lieut. Ross Adley (42 CDO), Sub-Lieut. James McClune (HMS Monkton), Cpl. Tony Maher (45 CDO), CPO Roy Millington (Hovercraft Trials Unit, HMS Daedalus), PO Doug Cooledge (NATEC) and PO Alan Wells (HMS Daedalus).

Keeping a photographic record of the expedition will be LA(Phot) Stuart Antrobus, now learning about hovercraft maintenance at the Lee-on-Solent trials unit.

A tenth member of the team will also have strong naval ties. He is Lieut.-Cdr. Brian Holdsworth, now with UKCICC at

Wilton, Salisbury, but who will have left the Service when the main party of the expedition flies out on May 1. The party is due back on July 28.

The four River Rover hovercraft to be used on the Apurimac are of a simple bolt-together construction which can be transported in sections over difficult terrain and assembled on site.

Two will be handed on to the Amazon Trust which established the existing clinics, and two will be given to the Regions Beyond Missionary Union for medical use on the Ucayali River.

Easily maintained and serviced, the Isle of Wight-built hovercraft feature a new device which enables them to steer a precise course and so survive on waters which would destroy a more conventional craft.



**Surg.-Lieut. (D) Catherine White, from RN Hospital Haslar, who will be the only woman on the Joint Services "hover doctor" expedition to the headwaters of the Amazon in Peru. Last year she led a climbing expedition to the Caucasus Mountains in the Soviet Union.**

## Call of the wild

RATING volunteers are being called for to form the small RN ship's company at this year's Naval Cadet Forces summer camp at Garelochhead.

The camp provides a base for naval and adventurous training, both ashore and afloat, for CCF(RN) and SCC boy and girl cadets. Most of the ship's company will be required from July 20-August 31, with the camp activated for training between July 26 and August 29.

Volunteers who are suitable for detached duty, have enthusiasm for youth work, are recommended and can be spared without relief should apply to their commanding officers.

Selected volunteers will be expected to apply themselves wholeheartedly for the complete period, but there will be opportunities for ship's company members to take part in some activities.

Provision can, possibly, be made for families.

### Well done, Jason

HMS ARGONAUT's Flight has won the Sopwith Pup Trophy, which is awarded annually to the ship's flight maintaining the highest degree of operational readiness. Lieut.-Cdr. Alan Walker, the flight commander, received the silver trophy and a £25 prize on behalf of the flight and its Lynx helicopter, Jason.

## MORE DCIs

### ☆ Advantages of Holbrook

OFFICERS or ratings considering their sons' education are having their attention drawn to the special advantages afforded at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, which is a civilian and independent boarding school for 700, offering secondary school curriculum to Advanced and Ordinary levels of GCE and CSE.

From the substantial sixth form many boys proceed to universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, some obtaining an open scholarship or exhibition.

The strong naval traditions of the school lead many boys to choose a naval career, from Dartmouth to junior entry, although career choices are freely made by boys and their parents.

Holbrook has fine spacious buildings, occupying a magnificent site on the estuary of the Stour, six miles south of Ipswich.

The school is open to the sons of officers and men serving, or having served, in the RN, RM, or RNR (List 1, Merchant Navy) and to the sons of certain other seafaring men. Priority is given to those whose father's death is attributable to naval or lifeboat service, and to other orphans.

Fees are linked to the Service boarding school allowance. Parents who have left the Service have the fees assessed in accordance with family income. DCI (RN) 37

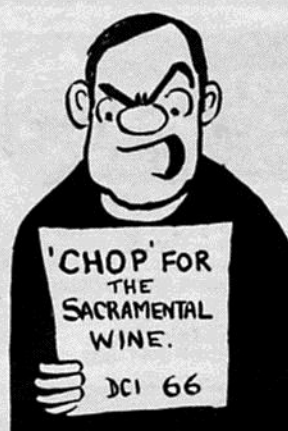
### ☆ Commended

CDR. P. S. Buckley was awarded a commendation for his entry in the 1981 Bertrand Stewart Essay Competition. DCI (RN) J 66

### ☆ Post-dated

FORCES' concessionary rates of postage were increased on February 1 in line with inland civil tariffs. DCI (RN) J 50

### Last of the Pusser's wine



"Lord have mercy on us!"

SACRAMENTAL wine is now so little required in the Service that "central provisioning is no longer practicable." In future it is to be obtained and accounted for in the same way as wafer bread. DCI (RN) 63

### ☆ Selections

RESULTS are announced of the 1981 selection boards for promotion to chief petty officer, chief medical technician and chief communications technician.

The selections are intended to meet the expected vacancies arising in the promotion year starting January 1, 1982. Should there be a shortfall, this will be met by bringing forward in May 1982 the reserve selections.

Vacancies will be filled as they occur in strict order from the lists announced. DCI (RN) 6

### ☆ Go-go to Cocos

ROYAL NAVY officers or ratings are eligible to apply for participation in the Army Air Corps adventurous training expedition to the Cocos Islands in the Pacific.

The trip is to be in a Nicholson 55 yacht, with the expedition broken down into 12 legs to enable the maximum number of crew changes to take place. The route out is via the Azores and Panama, returning again via the canal, Miami and Boston.

DCI (RN) J 46

### ☆ Scholarships

THE Royal Naval Scholarship Fund provides a small number of scholarships, currently averaging £300 per annum, to assist the education of the sons of serving, retired, or deceased officers of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines of the rank of lieutenant or above.

Awards are normally made in May each year (for the school year starting in September) to candidates between the ages of eight and 17, and may be tenable at any public, secondary, preparatory, or primary school, or at any institution of professional, technical or industrial instruction selected by the parent or guardian of the scholar and approved by the Governors of the Fund. No examination is required.

Application forms may be obtained from The Honorary Secretary, Royal Naval Scholarship Fund, c/o Ministry of Defence, Old Admiralty Building (Room 325 ABS), Whitehall, London SW1A 2BE. The closing date for applications is March 25, 1982.

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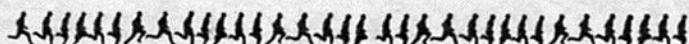
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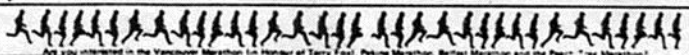
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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



HEAD Naval Nurse Rosemarie Lake has won the first presentation of the Ruth Carter Memorial prize, awarded for special contributions to the quality of nursing in the Royal Navy. Rosemarie, serving as a clinical teacher at the RN Hospital Haslar, is a cadet nursing officer and hopes to be commissioned later this year. The £50 prize was instituted in memory of Principal Matron Carter's long and distinguished career in the QARNNS.



TOP MARKS from LWren FRAN SUTCLIFFE, a dental hygienist serving in HMS Sultan, for (left to right) MEM(L) Spooner, MEM(L) Bowman, MEM(M) Wilkie and MEM(M) Metcalfe. Picture: Wren(Phot) Maggie Pugh.

## FAMILY FORCE ...

NO MISTAKE about where the loyalties of the CARTER family lie ... there are now four of them in the Royal Navy. FCOPO PETER CARTER, senior steward instructor at the RN Supply School, HMS Pembroke, is pictured here with his sons (left to right) KEVIN, an AB serving in HMS Rooka; NICHOLAS, an assistant steward on the staff of FOF3; and SIMON, the latest recruit, who is an assistant caterer in HMS Heron.



Picture: Tony Wilson, Waterlooville.

## Who's a pretty boy, then?

CMEA(P) CHARLES BATHE received the prize for breeding the best recessive pied budgerigar entered at the 38th National Exhibition of Caged Birds at Bingley Hall, Birmingham. He was presented with the Bryan Byles Silver Trophy. Charles serves in HMS Sultan and is a regular member of the establishment's volunteer band, in which he plays the E Flat bass tuba.



# Quick work saved girl on ferry

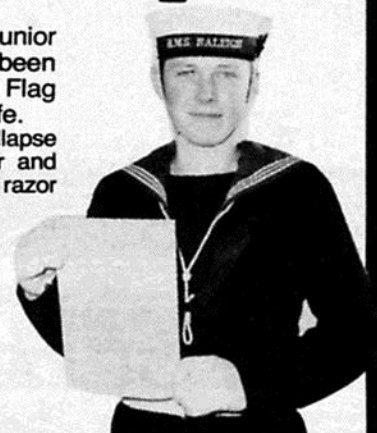
MARTYN DOWNES, a 17-year-old junior seaman serving in HMS Raleigh, has been awarded a commendation from the Flag Officer Plymouth for saving a girl's life.

Martyn (pictured right) saw the girl collapse on the Torpoint Ferry, went to help her and noticed that she was holding a cut-throat razor and had attempted to cut her wrists.

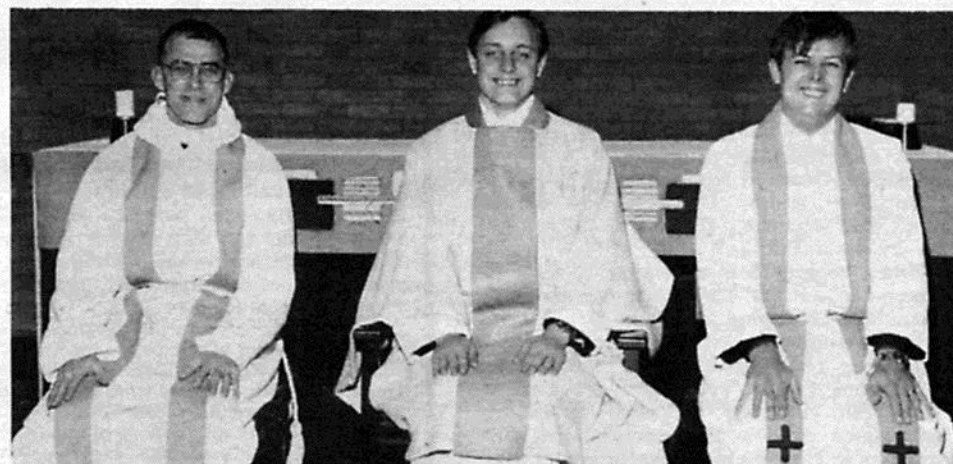
### FIRST AID

He quickly gave first aid, the girl recovered consciousness, but later tried to throw herself into the river. Martyn, helped by members of the ferry crew, prevented her from jumping over the guardrail.

The doctor and police who later attended the girl said that Martyn's actions had saved her life.



*Hearing, seeing and speaking no evil ...*



VERITABLY a surplice of chaplains were on duty for a recent christening in HMS Raleigh. In the centre is the Rev. MICHAEL HARMAN, who has just completed two years as assistant chaplain at the establishment and presided at the Eucharist on his last Sunday before joining CTCRM Lympstone to begin a commando course.

His successor in Raleigh is the Rev. BABCOCK FITCH USN (left) who is on exchange, and on the right is the Chaplain of Raleigh, the Rev. JEREMY AMES.

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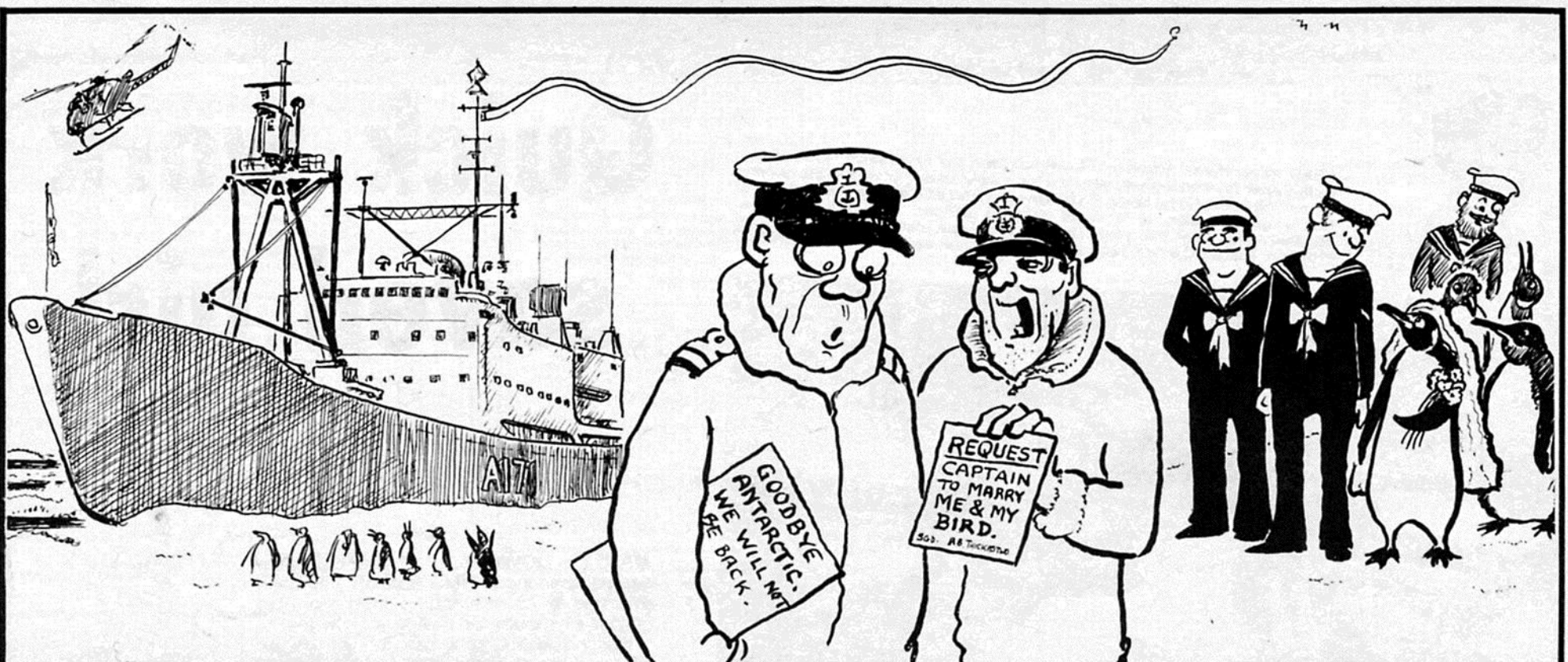
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Smiles

"Looks as though it's time we got out of here, anyway!"

## NEWSVIEW

### The sorrow of premature partings

THE NAVY sails on through seas of transition. And ships with familiar names — Invincible, Norfolk, Endurance, Speedy for example — feature in stories this month about their departure either now, soon or in the foreseeable future.

Policy behind their exits may have been expounded, yet that hardly removes the sting when time of parting arrives.

The Invincible decision — controversial and raising a fair head of steam in more than one continent — has been widely reported. It seems but yesterday we were publishing impressions of how this new-concept ship would look. Now we face departure next year of the real thing.

Any consolation has to be that a splendid vessel, acclaimed for her operational performance, will be followed into service by two more of the class. And it is reassuring that she goes to Down-Under friends who have again chosen to "Buy British" when in the carrier market.

A piece of cheer in this month's news — and every little helps — is the placing of an order for another of the sophisticated Type 22 frigates, eighth of the class for the RN.

By stages the way ahead becomes clearer, although yet to emerge is the future pattern of shore training. Buzzes — and denials — still fly. Needless to say, outcome of the far-reaching studies involved are awaited with tremendous interest.

### Singular plea

THROUGHOUT the vicissitudes there seem to have been few rumblings about pay (although no-one can ever have too much of it). When pay is about right, other things perhaps not so acceptable are the more easily borne. So, as the Services pay round nears, the hope is that salaries stay on course.

When it comes to allowances, the perennial married-single issue has not gone away — perhaps it never will — as evidenced by our letters pages.

Such issues are deeply felt and strongly argued by some of the single and the separated. Retaining married men and helping towards harmony in family life is laudable. What is not easy is to equate this with the situation of the single man who argues, "Equal work should be equally rewarded — and anyway I've got responsibilities too."

# SEA EAGLE'S FLYING HIGH

THE GO-AHEAD has been given for full production of the Sea Eagle sea-skimming anti-ship missile.

Production forms part of a £200 million contract package with British Aerospace Dynamics Group, which is developing the missile in collaboration with other major British companies.

The package includes the development and evaluation phases of the programme.

Sea Eagle will arm RAF Buccaneers and Royal Navy Sea Harriers from the mid-1980s and may later be fitted to the Tornado GR1. It is also compatible with a range of other aircraft types, giving it considerable export potential, say British Aerospace.

### Defence Paper

The Government decision to proceed with the production phase of the programme confirms the intention stated in the June 1981 Defence White Paper. British Aerospace Dynamics Group is prime contractor for the programme, with management of the project based at Hatfield.

Sea Eagle's sophisticated active radar seeker has been developed by Marconi Space and Defence Systems.

Development of Sea Eagle began in 1979. The missile has been flown successfully on both Buccaneer and Sea Harrier aircraft, and trials firings from a Buccaneer have demonstrated the sea-skimming performance of the missile, the ability to carry out pre-programmed manoeuvres and the performance of the French Microturbo gas turbine engine.

British Aerospace describe it as the UK's first "thinking" missile with an on-board microprocessor and say it will be capable of dealing effectively with the emerging threat from modern warships equipped with advanced air defence and electronic countermeasures systems.

### Enemy warships

With its considerable "stand-off" range, it is designed to destroy or disable enemy warships up to the largest-known size.

In operation, target positional information is fed into the missile's on-board microprocessor from the parent aircraft before launch. The microprocessor controls the missile's flight path until the target is acquired by the active radar seeker during the final sea-skimming phase of the attack.

Besides its use in the maritime role, Sea Eagle could prove the basis for a stand-off missile to be used against high-value land targets.

A private venture study has been carried out by British Aerospace Dynamics Group on a ship-launched version of Sea Eagle called P5T, with a performance similar to that of the Sea Eagle.



SEA EAGLE — pictured on a Sea Harrier aircraft — is a new-generation air-launched sea-skimming missile under development for use against warships with latest air defence and electronic countermeasures capabilities. It is planned to enter service in the mid-1980s to arm RAF Buccaneers and Royal Navy Sea Harriers.

It is proposed that P5T missiles should be housed in sealed deck-mounted box launchers. The missiles would be accelerated from rest by two solid-propellant boosters which would be jettisoned when it attained its operational speed.

### And Seawolf...

THE ROYAL NAVY is to buy Marconi Radar Systems Type 805 SW lightweight tracking radar as part of its improved Seawolf missile system.

In a Commons written answer, Defence Secretary Mr. John Nott said: "After careful consideration of competitive offers from Marconi Radar Systems Ltd and from British Aerospace Dynamics Ltd (in association with Hollandse Signaal Apparaten), I have decided to proceed with an improved Seawolf point

defence missile system incorporating the Marconi 805 SW lightweight tracking radar.

"Orders for development and production of improved Seawolf, worth over £75 million at today's prices, will be placed shortly, subject to the satisfactory completion of negotiations with the firm for a fixed price contract.

"The Seawolf missile itself is made by British Aerospace under a continuing production programme."

The announcement went on: "The 805 tracking radar will enable the Seawolf system, already fitted in the Broadsword class and anti-submarine frigate, to keep pace with the expected growth in the threat from very low trajectory missiles.

"The Royal Navy's order will maintain British capability in the field of advanced radar development and provide work for several hundred people at the Marconi Radar plants."



# MISSILE SHIP LEAVES FOR NEW HOME IN CHILE

## Latin-American step for Norfolk

HMS NORFOLK sailed away from Britain in February en route to a new life — and a new name — in Chile.

After more than a decade of RN service, the last County-class destroyer to be launched joins the Chilean Navy and acquires the name Prat after a national naval hero.

RFA tanker Tidepool, which has been completing a refit on the Tyne, is also joining the Chilean Fleet and was due to leave in early March.

With a 300ft. paying-off pennant flying on a grey morning, the Norfolk sailed out of Portsmouth on February 17 under the command of Capt. Brian Turner. On board was a reduced RN ship's company of about 280, augmented by about 90 officers and ratings of the Chilean Navy.

After the Atlantic crossing and two calls, she was due to pass through the Panama Canal and to visit Valparaiso for a few days in late March. From there she goes to Chile's

main naval base of Talcahuano, where she is to be officially handed over in early April.

The name she takes is derived from Capt. B. C. Prat, a 19th-Century Chilean naval hero.

### Powerful

Immediately after the handover most of the ship's company will fly back to the UK, just in time for Easter.

The Chilean members of the mixed crew for the UK-Chile passage had earlier carried out training in the Portsmouth area.

First RN ship to be equipped with three independent

guided missile systems, the Norfolk will become the most powerful and sophisticated ship of the Chilean Navy. The more modern of the Fleet's vessels include two British-built Leander-class frigates and two Oberon-class submarines, also built in the UK.

The Norfolk was laid down at Wallsend in 1966, launched in 1967 and commissioned in 1970. The Prince of Wales served on board as a sub-

lieutenant in 1971-72.

As a flagship, the Norfolk led a deployment of nine ships to Australasia and the Far East in 1979. Later she spent a second period as STANAVFORLANT flagship, and then joined the Dartmouth Training Squadron.

With the news last year that she was to pay off, and her impending sale to Chile, a major task started to put into

service her Seaslug missile system, which had been carried on a care and maintenance basis for some months.

About 25 men — mainly of ordnance and electronics branches — were kept busy on this job, which was accomplished in what is claimed as a record time — setting to work in two months, harbour acceptance trials in five weeks, and sea acceptance trials in three weeks.

*Flying a 300ft. paying-off pennant, the 5,250-ton guided missile destroyer HMS Norfolk leaves Portsmouth for Chile, soon to be her new owner. She was escorted out of harbour by the RMAF tugs Adept and Bustler, both firing their water cannon.*

Picture: PO(Phot) Radar Thompson

### Farewell to sound friends

ONE of HMS Norfolk's home county links has been with BBC Radio Norfolk and when the commanding officer (Capt. Brian Turner) and some ship's company members made a farewell trip to Norwich they called at the station's studios.

The visitors are pictured with Mike Souter, of Radio Norfolk, which has been working on a documentary programme about the ship.

### Old Norfolks

Before her departure there was a series of farewells, including goodbyes to her namesake county. Visitors on



board included the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk (Mr. T. Coleman).

Members of the Old Norfolks' Association said their farewells when the ship was at Devonport. They are veterans of the previous Norfolk, the

heavy cruiser which saw much Second World War action and was the sixth RN ship to bear the name.

Among those present at the last gathering of the association to be held on board were Vice-Admiral Sir Lancelot

Peile, Commander (E) in the old Norfolk during the Second World War, and the Rev. A. K. Mathews, who was chaplain.

Association members attended a service and were entertained to lunch on board.



Before HMS Norfolk sailed away from Portsmouth to leave RN service, another name was added to the ship's bell. At a ceremony on board, Robert, the infant son of Capt. Brian Turner (commanding officer) and Mrs. Fiona Turner was christened. With them is the Rev. Harvey Griffiths, who performed the ceremony.



Wasp pilot Lieut. Tim Finding with a few of his passengers from one of the most isolated British communities in the world.

Picture: LA(Phot) Darby Allen

## ENDURANCE LINK WITH LONELIEST BRITONS

MEN of the ice patrol ship HMS Endurance have been providing a welcome diversion for a group of British children who are among the most isolated in the world.

During a visit to the Falkland Islands the ship called at Fox Bay, 80 miles by air from the main town of Stanley. Occasional arrivals of the islands freighter allows the small community to export their wool and sheep products from the roadless settlement.

The local children, attending two schools which each look after five pupils, were taken on board the Endurance for a visit. They were

delighted to make contact with the 120 British officers and men on board.

In the immense, sparsely-populated Antarctic region, the world can still seem small — as Capt. Nicholas Barker, commanding officer of the Endurance, found when he met his opposite number in the Chilean navy.

### OLD TIMES

It turned out that the commanding officer of the patrol ship Piloto Pardo, Cdr. Adolfo Cruz, had been a neighbour of Capt. Barker in Tynemouth in the mid-Seventies. They had not met since and were able to talk over old times as the two

ships negotiated the channels around Tierra del Fuego.

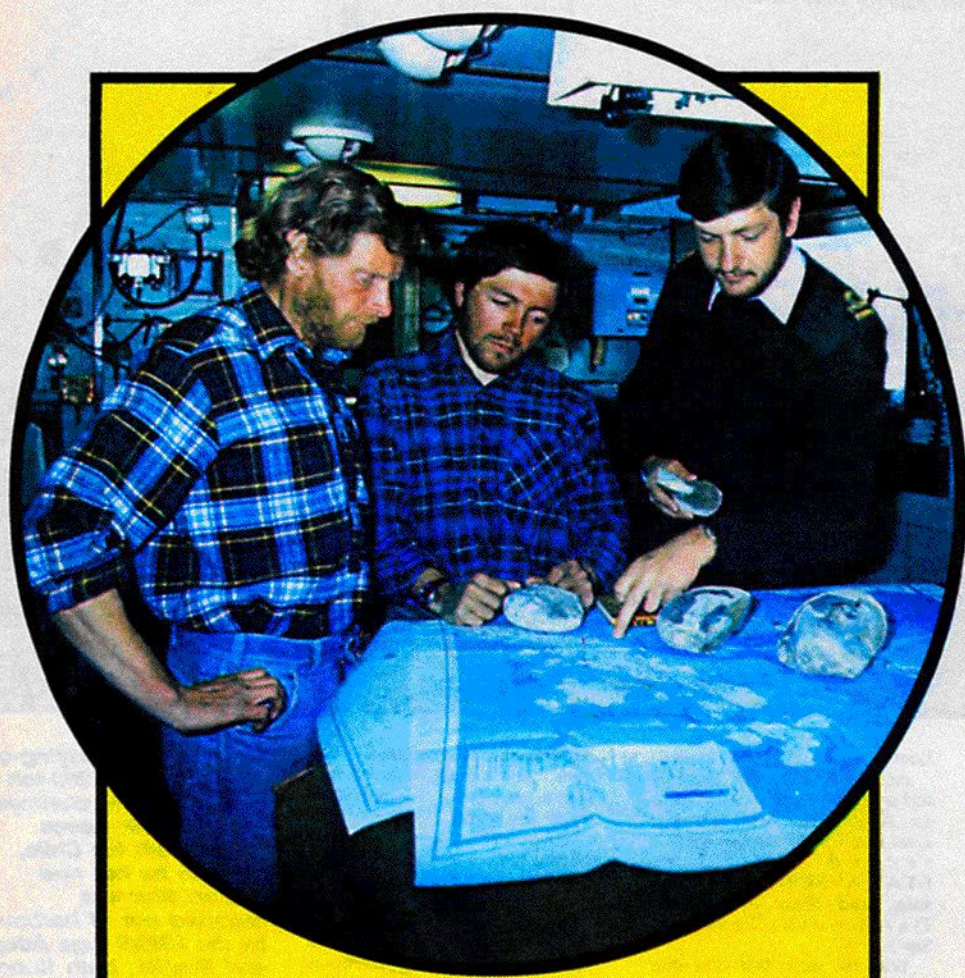
It was not the only link between the vessels: the Chilean ship bears the name of the commanding officer of the Yelcho which rescued Shackleton's men following the destruction in the ice of the old Endurance.

The modern counterparts of those old ships arrived within hours of each other at the most southerly city in the world, Punta Arenas, where the scene was set for the most friendly visit enjoyed by the Endurance during her current deployment. She was the first Royal Navy vessel to enter the Chilean port for about a decade.

● Endurance aids researchers — turn to centre pages.



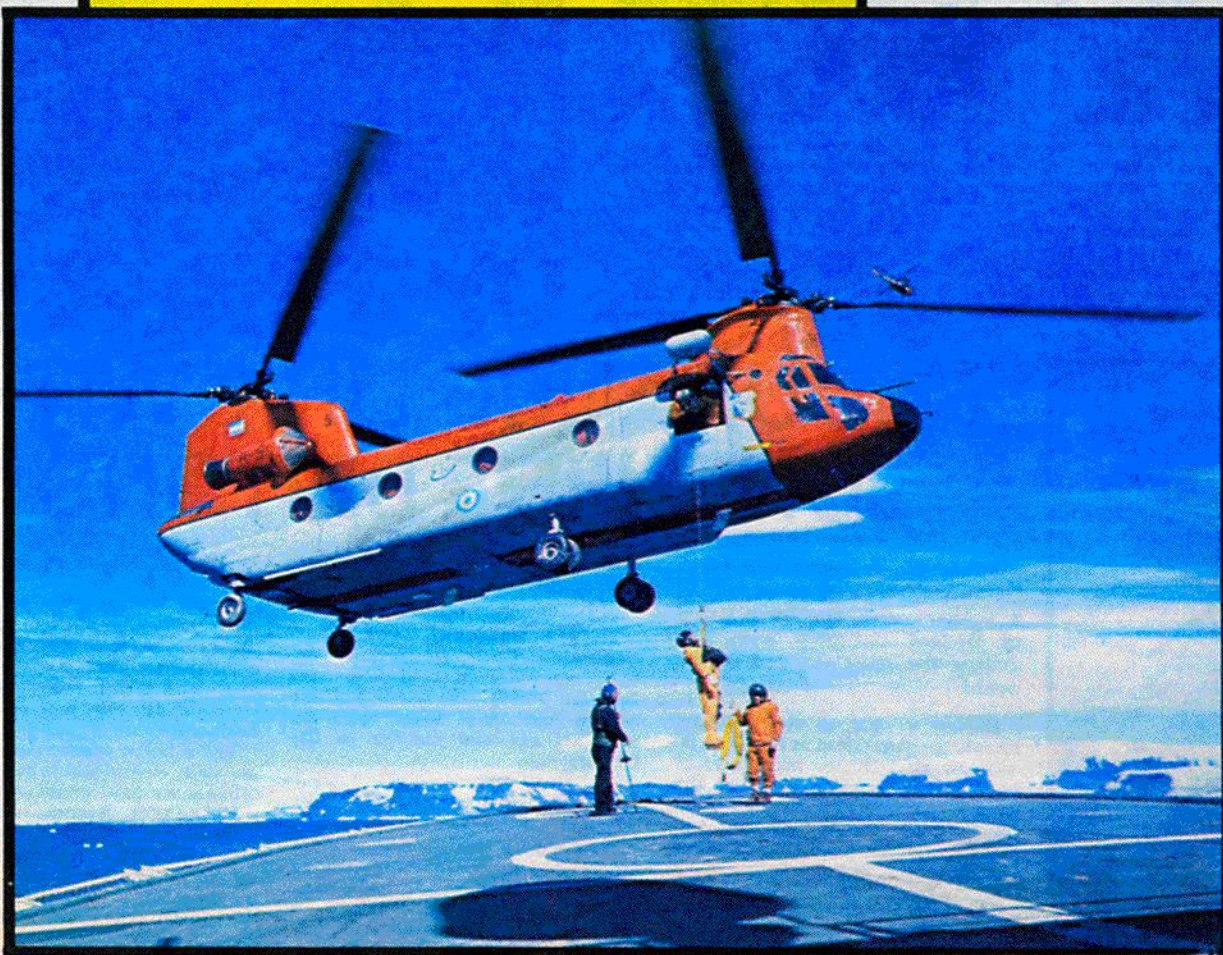
# As she prepares to come in from the cold, L



Rocks that may point the way to oil . . . Lieut. Chris Todhunter examines the fossil finds of British Antarctic Survey geologists on board HMS Endurance. The ship provided vital transport for the scientists led by Dr Alastair Crame (left). With him is a member of his team, Mr Dave Birkett, a former Royal Navy chipper.

## All aboard for Marambio base

BELOW: Bus service, Antarctic style . . . An Argentinian helicopter lifts off members of the ship's company for a visit to Marambio base. High in the sky can be seen one of the Endurance's Wasps.



**DETECTIVE WORK** to unlock the mysteries of the loneliest place on earth seems destined to lose Royal Navy support when the ice patrol ship HMS Endurance heads for home in April. Since 1968 she has sailed

south for the summer — the Antarctic summer of penguins, icebergs and the occasional blizzard. Despite a strong lobby for her retention there is so far no change in the plan to pay her off under the terms of the

# BLACK GOLD WHITE WOLF

## *Polar oil clues may be written in the stones*

ANTARCTIC OIL could be helping to keep the home fires burning beyond the turn of the century — and if the fruits of polar exploration prove that rich, the Royal Navy's ice patrol HMS Endurance will deserve no small share of the thanks.

She and the British Antarctic Survey vessel Bransfield provide important support for exploration which may offer more to the world than Capt. Scott could have envisaged in his wildest dreams. Today's discoveries are highly-qualified specialists who need access to the resources and sophisticated equipment brought to the Antarctic by such ships as the Endurance.

In addition to that support, the ship carries out a full programme of hydrographic work, each year extending the bounds of knowledge in previously uncharted waters.

A typical example of her value to research scientists was shown this season when she went to the aid of four BAS geologists working in an area with oil-bearing potential off the North Antarctic Peninsula.

The scientists, led by Dr. Alastair Crame, had been landed by the Bransfield at the Argentine base of Hope Bay and had trekked to their main field base on James Ross Island. But when the winter ice melted, their movements became increasingly restricted — until the Endurance arrived on the scene.

### Inaccessible

During the five days they were with the ship the researchers made extensive use of her two Wasp helicopters and Gemini boat to reach the most inaccessible places in the Snow Hill Islands.

Their study of rich fossil fields is linked to the fact that many of the geological signs point to the presence of oil, and that the area is similar to that west of the Falkland Islands, where oil has already been found.

The search for liquid gold is also associated with a more publicised research programme into the behaviour of icebergs.

With financial support from BP, scientists from the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, have for the past two seasons relied heavily on the Endurance to facilitate study of massive slabs of floating ice weighing on average 200 million tonnes and measuring up to 1,000 metres across.

### Inventive

As the bounds of oil exploration encroach into the ice areas, knowledge about the movement and melting of the 'bergs will prove vital if any reserves which do exist are to be tapped.

But the main reason for the work is more

## Breaki the ice

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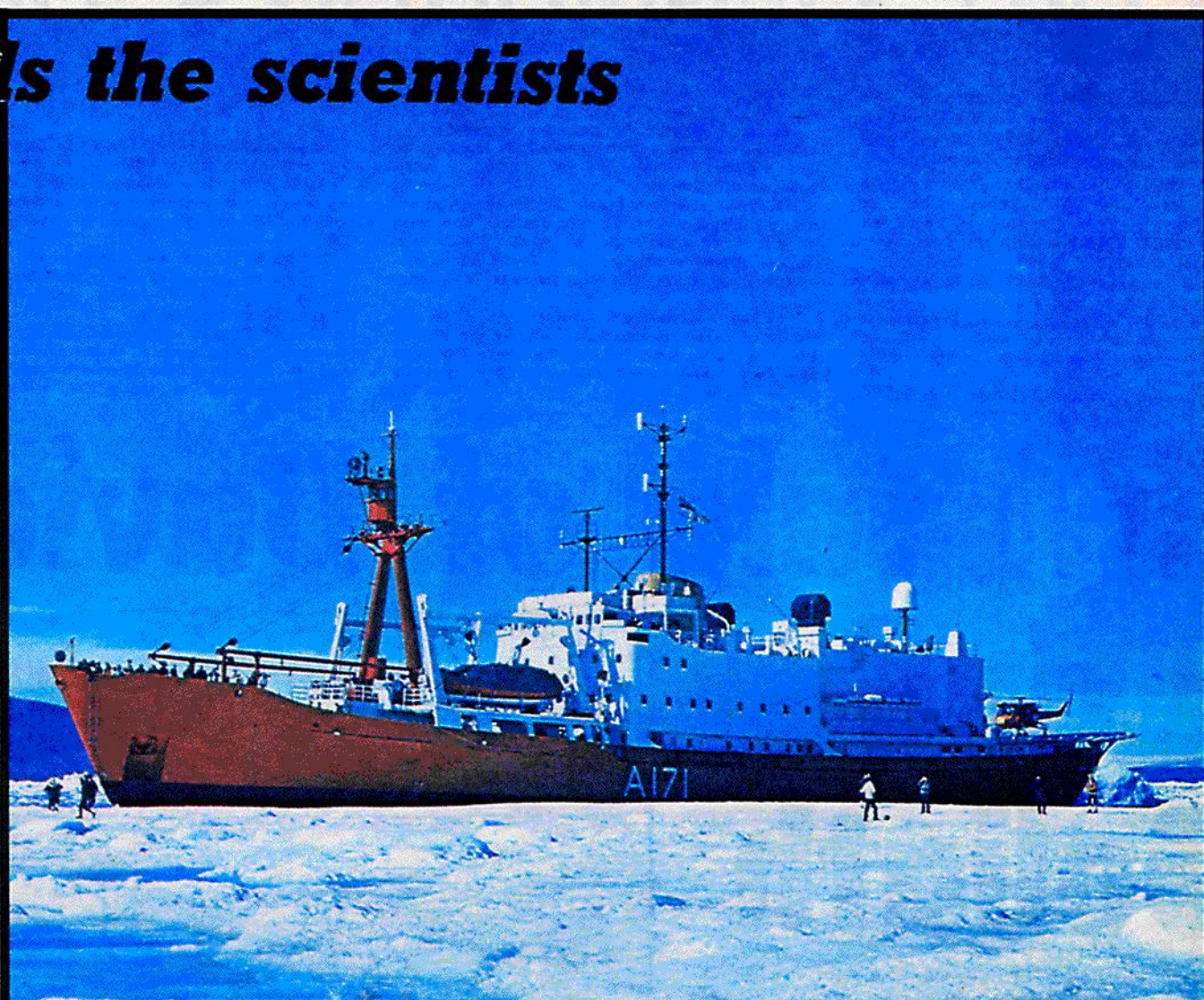
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# Endurance aids the scientists

Defence Review. But as she lives out what may be the last weeks of her active career in the Service, she shows no let-up in the drive to gauge the wealth we may draw from that cold, forbidding continent...

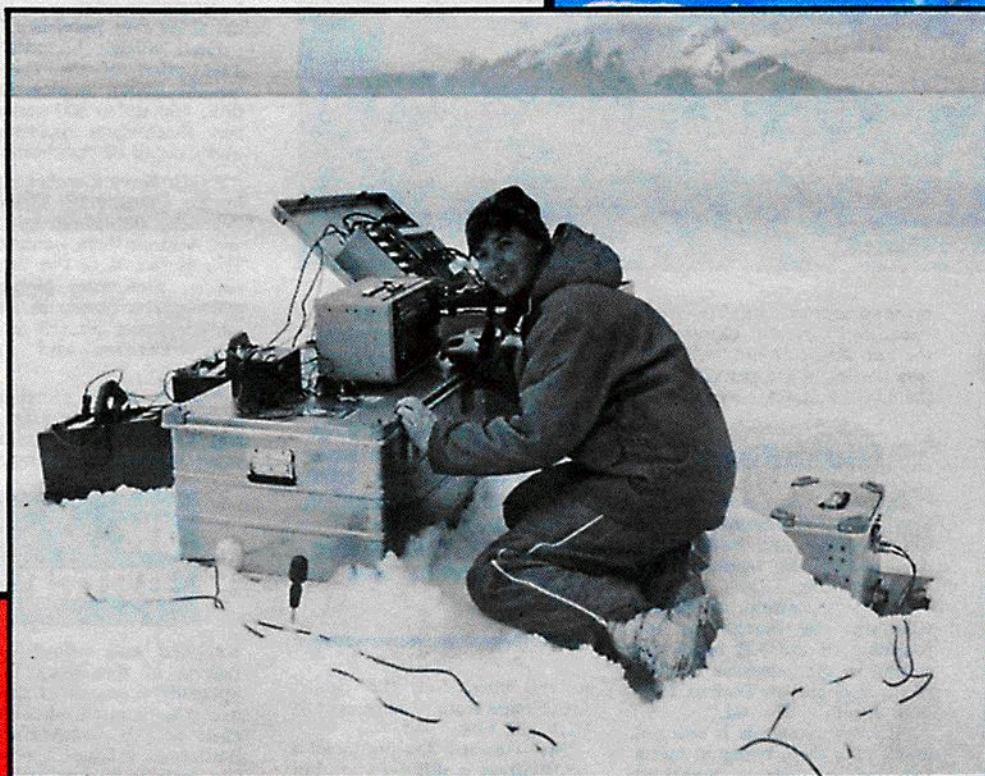
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This picture confirms the rumour that the ship's company of HMS Endurance can walk on water. The water, in its solid state, halted the ice patrol vessel in the Prince Gustav Channel, presenting her sailors with the opportunity of an impromptu run "ashore." The game of football proceeding here proved more practical than a knockabout by the ship's keenest golfer, POMA Kelth Adams: once off the tee, his white ball proved just too difficult to find...

## Penguin power!

BELOW: Exploring the wonders of penguinland are LSAs Fletcher Fletcher and Charlie Chambers. They were given a chance to see the large colony of Adelie penguins on Seymour Island when members of the ship's company visited the nearby Argentinian base of Marambio.



...olar scientist Miss Monica Kristensen, embarked to study the break-up of vast, ice unique to the Antarctic. Here she sets up equipment on one of the 'bergs, whose base is a mile across.

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of three is... pherr Dr. Monica Kristensen, a British Antarctic explorer, and Mr. Ernest Shackleton, who led the first expedition to the South Pole.

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Experiments require a large pit to be dug in the surface of the iceberg. Strain gauges are then connected to stout piles driven into the subsurface to measure the minute deformations in the layers of ice.

At the same time, sway, surge, heave and pitch are measured by accelerometers, and the Endurance deploys a wave-rider buoy to calculate wave motion.

Meanwhile, the underside of the 'berg is mapped by one of the Wasps. A radio sounding device is fitted to the helicopter which is then flown skilfully on a pre-arranged pattern to build up a picture of the 'berg's hidden contours.

As well as providing such support, the Endurance carries out survey work of her

own which makes Antarctica safer for the vessels which enter the waters around the islands and coasts of the continent.

She has just carried out an extensive hydrographic survey around James Ross Island in the Weddell Sea, and further surveying was completed to the west of Seymour Island while the ship was giving helicopter support to the geologists of the BAS.

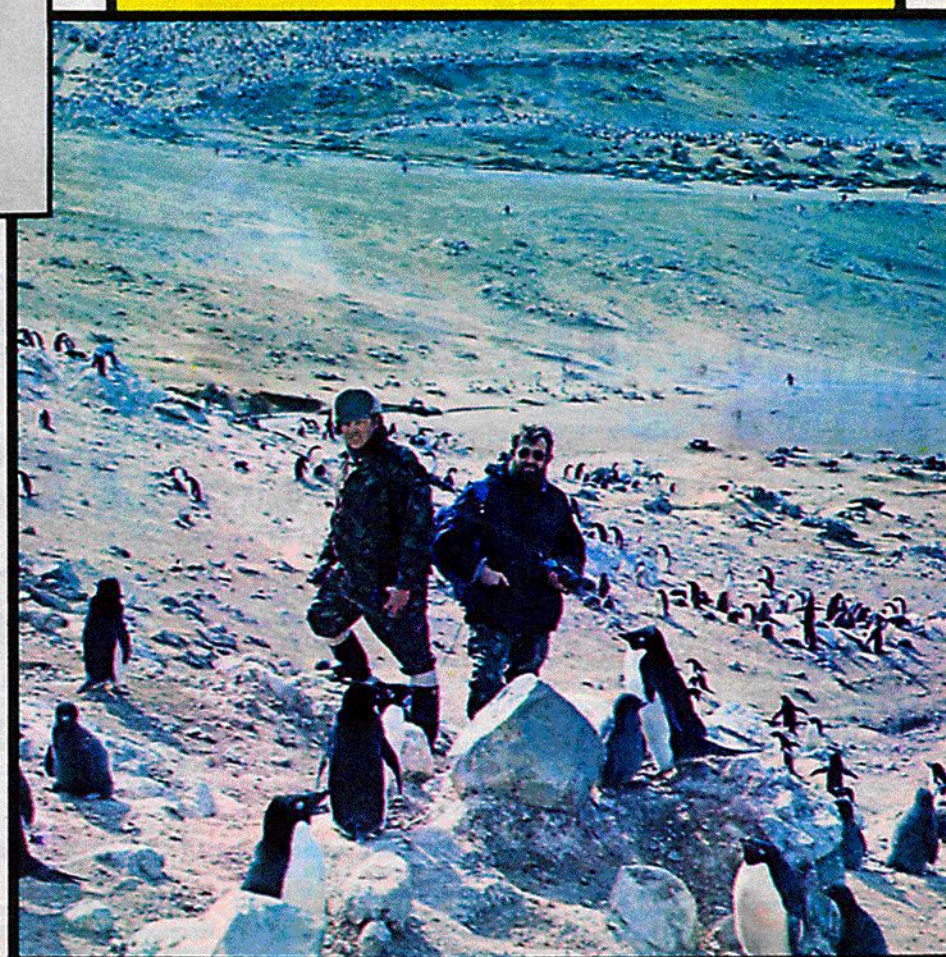
Aerial photography by the Wasps helped to iron-out problems posed by great inaccuracies in some of the coastline mapping — inaccuracies which make it difficult to obtain true soundings.

## Heritage

A survey in the Falkland Islands of particular significance for deep draught vessels has been under way since late last year, conducted by a detached boat party under the command of Lieut. Richard Ball.

So the Endurance, named after the vessel which took the great explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton to the Antarctic, has once more lived up to her heritage in this her fourteenth season of successful exploration.

Now for the fourteenth time she's about to come in from the cold. It will be her saddest homecoming, for if plans for her future remain unchanged, the Navy will never send her back.



LA(Phot) Darby Allen



# Lord Hill-Norton's broadside

DOES 50 years' service in the uniform of the Royal Navy — much of it at topmost rank — confer upon an officer a wisdom beyond that of his peers and a crystal-ball foresight?

Certainly the less-experienced owe him a careful hearing. If an issue could be decided as black or white, it would be easy to support or reject, but unhappily that is far from being the case in the debate on defence.

Long war or short? Conventional or nuclear? Will the U-boats strike again?

While the people of the land wonder if their turn will come to join the workless millions, it is not difficult to turn aside from the imponderables of the next war.

Not so, however, Lord Hill-Norton, Admiral of

the Fleet, former Chief of Defence Staff, and more recently Chairman of NATO's Military Committee. On naval defence he possesses a certainty of mind, lashing out in terms which, in the days of Jackie Fisher, would have got columns in every newspaper in the land.

His views have been heard on television, and are now contained in a book, "Sea Power," published by Faber and Faber (price £7.50) to coincide with the BBC's re-screening of the TV series, which was produced by Lord Hill-Norton's co-author, John Dekker.

The pages contain the Admiral's speech in the House of Lords on the June 1981 Defence White Paper, when he described it as "the second attempt by a Tory Government to destroy the Royal Navy in the last 24 years."

He was searing in his attack . . . "the Government's thinking — if I may so dignify the process . . ."

Some may have thought that such lofty contempt was over-egging the pudding, but no one could deny that he had facts to marshal, that he marshalled them well, and fired them off as powerfully as the spirits of Whale Island gunners could have hoped for.

It was, as it were, the climax of his beliefs and thoughts, as set out in the book, which tells the "story of warships and navies, from dreadnoughts to nuclear submarines."

The sad thing about the whole uneasy business is that (apart from nuclear anxieties) there must be few who would not find their hearts rejoicing if the Government could announce that the Navy were to

get a few more ships instead of a lot less.

But how is it possible to appeal to a nation about the arithmetic of the problem when the figures involved are as much within common grasp as light years and the universe?

How much can we as a nation afford to spend on armament? Where lies the balance between us and the empty-shop catastrophe of a Soviet Poland?

In the end, on matters of such modern complexity, most of us can only leave it to the leaders — and hope they get the sums right.

There is some consolation in the knowledge that the Navy has a lively spokesman, who comes of a dedicated, taut breed not always palatable to the media, but who is succeeding in making his voice heard.

# Kiwi tale of David and Goliath

JUTLAND and Pearl Harbour are battles on a scale far removed from the experience of the smaller navies, yet they have their triumphs and disasters, with an impact in proportion.

"The Navy in New Zealand," an illustrated history by Grant Howard, published by Jane's (price £9.95) does not suggest parading Royal Marines on the decks of huge battleships, but the absence of "glamour" is well compensated for by the richness and variety of the life of our fellow matelots on the other side of the world.

This David in a world of maritime Goliaths has played a worthy part.

One great moment of glory was the trapping of the German battleship Admiral Graf Spee, a notable contribution to its destruction being provided by the cruiser HMNZS Achilles, but perhaps a story more typical concerns two little NZ minesweepers, the Kiwi and the

Moa, who in January 1943 found themselves on night patrol off Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands.

## Enemy

An asdic contact was confirmed as an enemy submarine, but at the time they did not know that it was the Japanese I-1, which was as long as the two New Zealand ships put together, and at 2,035 tonnes was more than three times the size.

The submarine's main 125mm gun fired a shell more than twice the weight of the 100mm "bricks" of the minesweepers. It also carried a six-pounder and a couple of machine guns.

## Foiled

Depth charges forced the I-1 to the surface, but an escape move was foiled. The "minnows" moved in against the shells of the Japanese 125mm gun, replying with their own, including 20mm Oerlikons.

In the light of star shells the Kiwi rammed the enemy twice, having to use full power astern

to break away, and while a mortally-wounded seaman lit up the enemy with his signalling lamp, the Kiwi crashed in again.

While the Kiwi stood aside the Moa took on the chase, engaging in a gun battle, until finally the I-1 ran aground on a submerged reef. At dawn the battered forepart of the submarine was seen sticking out of the water.

Commanding the Moa was Lieut.-Cdr. Peter Phipps (later Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Phipps). Thirty-six years after the encounter he recalled that it was the Kiwi's 20mm Oerlikon which turned the tide of battle in favour of the NZ ships. "It cleared the submarine's bridge," he said.

Oddly enough, says the author, the Oerlikons were not standard equipment aboard the

minesweepers, having been "acquired" by the captains of the two ships for the "price" of two bottles of gin per gun from the United States Navy.

## Ridiculous

The price may seem ridiculous, until it is remembered that US warships are traditionally dry, and in the tropics thirsts are often long.

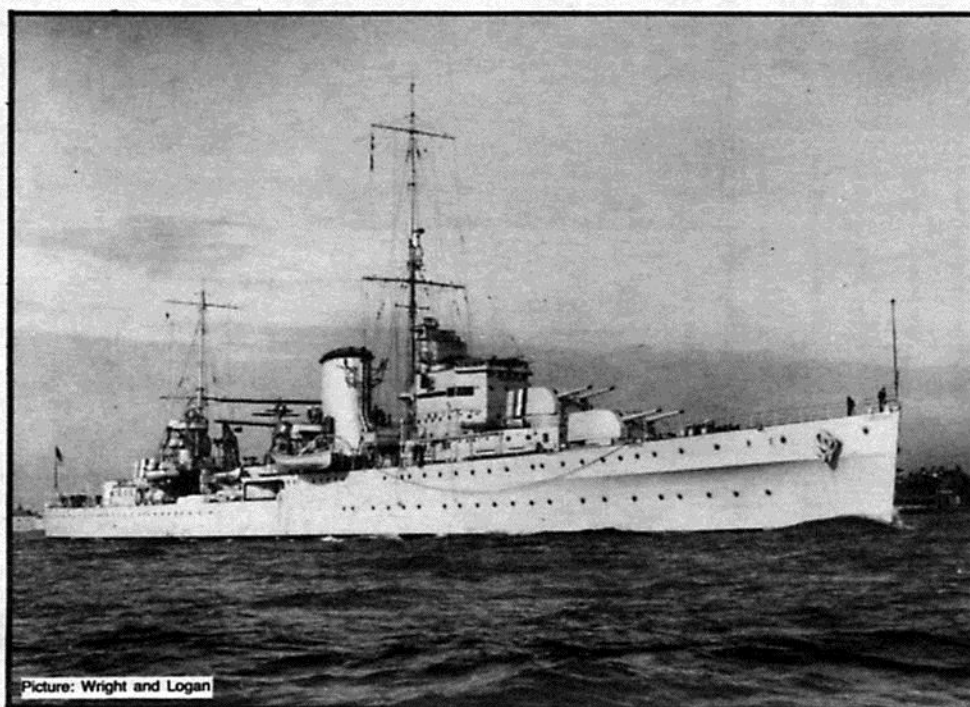
Maori opposition to British rule was the reason for the founding of the NZ Navy, resulting in the purchase in 1846 of "a gunboat for Porirua Harbour for £100 17s. 6d."

By any standards it was not much of a ship, being in fact a longboat from a wrecked barque, armed with a 12-pounder carronade mounted

● **Pride of the New Zealanders, the cruiser Achilles, which with the Ajax and Exeter put paid to the powerful German battleship Admiral Graf Spee. This picture was taken in February, 1939. The battle is recalled in "The Navy in New Zealand," an illustrated history, and in "Sea Power."**

in the bow, but the dusky inhabitants learned to respect its bark and bite.

Mr. Howard has produced a book about a different kind of navy, but with the same kind of pride.



Picture: Wright and Logan

## BOOKS

## Anatomy of the Hood

"THE Battlecruiser Hood," by John Roberts, published by Conway Maritime Press (price £8.50). The start of a new series "which aims to provide the finest documentation of individual ships ever published."

Each volume features a full description of the ship (and modifications), a pictorial section, and up to 300 perspective and three-view drawings of every detail of construction.

"U.S. Navy Combat Aircraft in the 1970s," by Lindsay T. Peacock, published by Arms and Armour Press (price £3.50). This is No. 4 in the Warbirds series, presenting high-quality photographs (some in colour), and depicting aircraft in training, exercise and patrol activities.

"Soviet Naval Developments in 1982," published by Arms and Armour Press, has a foreword by Norman Polmar, who

## IN BRIEF

compiled and edited the first edition of this work in 1974. Specially featured in this issue are the titanium-hulled Alfa class attack submarine, the battlecruiser Kirov, guided missile destroyer Sovremenny, new missile-armed gunboats and the first Soviet hospital ship.

"Submarine," by John Wingate, published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson (price £6.50). In following the movements of two British submarines out to secure the destruction of a Soviet underwater battleship, the author assesses NATO's chances in the final stages of the hot war which exploded in the first two novels of the trilogy. Chilling stuff.

"The Illustrated Dictionary of Nautical Terms," by Graham Blackburn, published by David and Charles (price £9.95). Surveys the world of the sea and ships, with 2,500 alphabetical entries and 615 line drawings, from the Laws of Oleron to Talurit splicing, but curiously omitting "osmosis." Perhaps the sound frightened even the author.

"Yacht Wind-Vane Steering," how to plan to make your own, by Bill Belcher, published by David and Charles (price £8.95). No book on this subject could have a better accolade than that of expert H. G. Hasler: "I would gladly go to sea with any of the gears he recommends."

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# 'DEATH' RAY THREAT TO NAVIES

THERE is a special thought for the Navy in the view that a "death" ray, against modern electronic armament, can be just as lethal by destroying control systems as in achieving the elimination of men.

The subject is discussed by editor Ronald T. Pretty in the 1981-82 edition of "Jane's Weapon Systems," his foreword referring to the publicity aroused by "enhanced radiation weapons," or the so-called neutron bomb.

Warheads of this kind kill people but leave tanks and buildings mostly free from heat or blast damage, which is why they would be so useful if NATO had to blunt a Soviet tank invasion without obliterating large tracts of Western Germany.

While attention is generally turned, therefore, to the United States wish to have ground-launched cruise missiles in Europe, Mr. Pretty suggests that the use of enhanced radiation warheads in naval warfare "would appear to have some significant military advantages."

The ability of these weapons to dis-

able crews could apply equally to ships as well as tanks.

The highly deleterious effects of neutron radiation gamma rays, and the associated magnetic impulse (EMP) on electronic equipment and radio communications is well known, and would seriously impair any ship's ability to operate effectively even though the hull and metal structure might well remain relatively unscathed.

## Anti-satellite

The ability of enhanced radiation weapons to destroy or disable electronic control systems as effectively as they can eliminate tank crews will probably lead to their use in anti-missile or anti-

satellite systems of one sort or another, says Mr. Pretty.

"Kill" mechanisms for use against electronic systems (such as guidance computers, fuzes, target sensors, etc.) in space is a subject of considerable importance to both the major space powers, and while the USSR may appear to be disinterested in the battlefield applications, their long and energetic experimental space programme of killer satellites has not gone unnoticed.

It is possible that the origin of Soviet expertise in this area of nuclear armaments technology may be found in these programmes.

In this edition of "Jane's Weapon Systems" (price £45), about 300 new entries and several hundred new photographs have been included to illustrate fresh developments.



## HELPING HANDS

### Bonny's highly thought of . . .

BONNY is top dog with the Wrens of CTCRM Lymstone and he's not ashamed to show it . . . as this pin-up picture taken with LWren Ann Smith shows. The Wrens paid a high price for Bonny — sponsored climbs of Ben Nevis, Snowden and Scafell Pike which raised £1,384 to buy him as a Guide Dog for the Blind.

Those who scaled the heights were CWren Reg Jackie Lewis, LWren Ann Smith, POWren Jean Langridge, Wren Lisa Dinsdale, POWren Grace Adamson, LWren Rose Dixon, LWren Gayle Ruane, POWren Pauline Lock, POWren Reg Laurie Herd and Wren Cheryl Stanton.



Picture:  
LA(Phot)  
Stuart Antrobus.

## Roast-in for a guide dog

RATINGS from HMS Dryad and villagers from Southwick raised £1,032 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association with a series of fund-raising events, including darts matches, a roast beef evening, raffles and craft stalls.

The idea came from Mr. John Pearce, landlord of the Red Lion in Southwick, and much of the organising was done by POWren Irene Taylor, LWren Rebecca Morris and her husband LRO Phillip Morris, with assistance from LWren Kim Wills and husband LS(R) Jeff Wills.

The cheque was handed over to Fareham branch of the Guide Dog Association by the Captain of the School of Maritime Operations, Capt. Anthony Barnden.

ME(P)1 D. Johns of HMS Dido made a 250-mile solo bicycle ride from Rothesay via the Wemyss Bay Ferry to Liverpool to raise £411 for the ship's charity, Green Fold School for mentally handicapped children in Bolton.

Sponsored by his shipmates, he spent three days on the road without suffering a blister, breakdown or puncture. While the Dido was in Liverpool, the commanding officer and several of the ship's company visited the school to hand over a television set bought from funds raised on board during 1981.

Also weary after a 175-mile, non-stop cycle ride, WEM(R) Glenn Davies had one consoling thought after his gruelling marathon — he had raised £300 for the disabled.

Glenn took 16½ hours to cover the distance between Plymouth, base port of his submarine HMS Spartan, and Gos-

port where he lives with his father FCPO Berwyn Davies.

Welshman Glenn divided the money between Gosport and Plymouth branches of the RNA for distribution.

As a charity project during the Year of the Disabled, the RN and RM Anglican churches of Plymouth Command made a combined effort to raise funds for the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association (BLESMA). After various collections and sponsored hymn

singing they raised £2,000, which was used to buy two electric wheelchairs for the disabled.

The "Camel Corps" of the Naval Weapons Trials organisation in HMS Excellent played a series of charity dart matches against local teams at 10p a game. Their combined elbow power raised £166.10, which was used to buy a bed and four video tapes for Lacey Lodge home for the mentally handicapped in Portsmouth.

### An armful of dollars?



MASTER-AT-ARMS Jim McPherson of the RN Provost Marshal Headquarters, HMS Pembroke, hands over an armful of notes — £200-worth of them — to Dr. Geraint Evans from St William's Hospital, Rochester. The money was raised by the RNPHQ Mess through a charity raffle, and will go into a fund to support the hospital's cancer unit.



### THE WINNER, IN REVERSE ORDER!

LPT GINGE GOUGH of HMS Drake might have gone the wrong way about raising money for charity, but his heart's in the right place! He ran a mile backwards on the Brickfields track in 8min. 41sec. and will give his sponsorship money to the Plymouth Area Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust, which plans to take handicapped children to Lourdes in the spring. Ginge and his track "officials" are pictured in action as he got down for a sprint start at the Brickfields.



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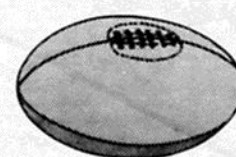
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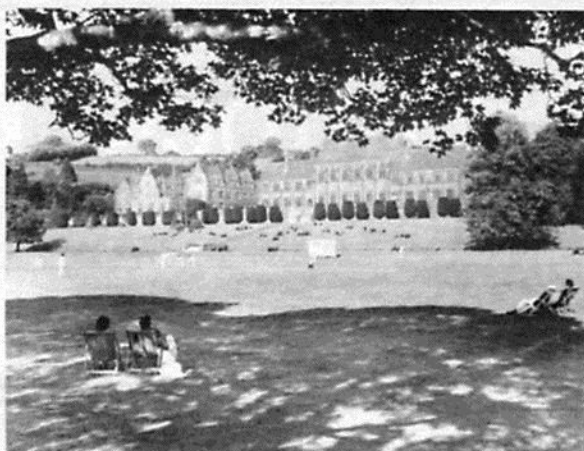
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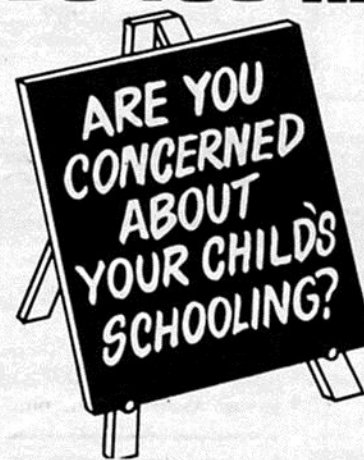
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Guests of honour at the commissioning ceremony in the Drill Shed at HMS Drake were Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, Admiral Sir James Eberle and Lady Eberle, and Admiral Sir Charles Madden and Lady Olive Madden. Lady Madden launched the ship in 1962.

Also present was Cllr. J. Blake, Mayor of the Penelope's affiliated town of Blackpool.

## 'Pepperpot'

The recommissioning cake was cut by Mrs. Deirdre Rickard, wife of the commanding officer, Cdr. Peter Rickard. She was helped by the youngest member of the ship's company, SEA Adrian Smith (17).

Immediate predecessor of the present vessel was a Second World War cruiser which endured so much damage that she was known throughout the Fleet as "HMS Pepperpot."



HMS Penelope's commissioning book gets the once-over from one of the younger guests, five-year-old Samantha Saunderson, helped by LPT Roger Saynor.

Picture: LA(Phot) Stuart Antrobus.



## SUB-STANDARD!

WE GIVE no prizes for those of you who can see why this White Ensign is not all it should be . . .

The rogue flag was supplied to HMS Penelope as part of a stores delivery. Luckily, it never flew from the jackstaff, for the fault was first noticed when the ensign was used to decorate the CPOs' Mess for a social function. Providing the photographic evidence are (from left) RO(T) Peter Kyne, LRO(G) Stewart Webber and LRO(T) David Sherratt.

## WE Mechanics to be 'certified'

ALL WEMs, LWEMs and POWEMs who have completed career training since September 1979 will now be eligible for City and Guilds Certificates as follows:

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WEM(R): C9224 Part I Electronics servicing (Electronics systems module).

LWEM(R): C9224 Part II Electronics servicing (Industrial equipment module). POWEM(R): C9224 Part III Electronics servicing (Electronic measurement and control module).

Arrangements are in hand to forward the considerable backlog of certificates to mechanics who are eligible. It is

hoped to complete issue of Part I certificates by the end of March, with Part II/Part III certificates as soon as possible afterwards.

Future certificates will be issued on successful completion of the appropriate course in HMS Collingwood.

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St Michael's was founded in 1832 and moved first to Uckfield and then in 1941 to Devon. Tawstock Court is a Neo-Gothic mansion set in 60 acres overlooking the beautiful Taw valley. The school is a member of I.A.P.S. and I.S.I.S. and is a Charitable Trust administered by a Board of Governors.

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# Amazon perfume for Princess

PRINCESS ANNE made a private visit to HMS Amazon at Devonport on February 12. She launched the Type 21 frigate at Vosper Thornycroft's Southampton yard in 1971 and has taken a keen interest in the ship ever since.

It had been planned for the Princess to spend the day at sea, but a force seven gale with force nine imminent caused a hasty revision to the programme.

The ship had been in the Sound, and was brought alongside early in the morning.

## Wrens

Princess Anne, her Lady-in-Waiting, Mrs. Innes, and private detective, arrived in HMS Drake on board a helicopter of the Queen's Flight, and after being met by Flag Officer Plymouth, Vice-Admiral Simon Cassels, and the Commodore of Drake, Commodore Bill Higgins, boarded the Queen's Harbour Master's barge for the short trip to the Amazon.

On board, the Princess met many of the ship's officers and men, and a small contingent of Wrens from HMS Raleigh.

## Present

Although a flying display by the ship's Lynx helicopter and a gunnery exercise had to be cancelled, the Princess was able to watch a static display in the hangar. Before she left the ship, the commanding officer, Cdr. Ian Garnett, presented her with a bottle of Amazon perfume.

It was Princess Anne's third visit to the ship since the launch, and on both previous

● Princess Anne will spend the day at HMS Dryad on May 18 and on June 15 will open a new computer block at HMS Centurion, the Navy's pay, records and drafting centre at Gosport.

occasions she had spent a day at sea.

HMS Amazon left chilly Devonport on February 22 to join HMS Cardiff for a four to five-month stint on Gulf patrol.



What's cooking? Princess Anne meets CPOCA Andy Gillet and POCK Colin Swatman in the galley of HMS Amazon.

## POINTS LEADERS

THE FOLLOWING list shows the total points of the men and women at the top of each advancement roster for petty officer and leading rates.

Intermediate (Int) indicates that men can be advanced before they are eligible to receive merit points or before the roster can be adjusted to take account of them. This means that the men are advanced in "basic date" order. Dates shown against "Int" rosters are the basic dates of the top eligible men.

The number following the points (or basic date) is the number of men who were advanced during January.

PO(EW)/RS(W) — Int (15.10.81), 3; LS(EW)/LRO(W) — Int (6.1.82), 5; PO(M) — Int (2.12.81), 3; LS(M) — Int (27.7.81), 15; PO(R) — Int (16.3.81), 1; LS(R) — Int (17.11.81), 6; PO(S) — Int (28.7.81), 1; LS(S) — Int (22.5.81), 3; PO(D) — Int (8.7.81), 1; LS(D) — Int (22.7.81), 2; PO(MW) — Int (20.5.80), Nil; LS(MW) — Int (18.6.80), Nil; PO(SR) — Int (24.7.80), Nil; LS(SR) — Int (11.12.80), Nil; POPT — 92,

Nil; RPO — 266, 4; RS — 198, 3; LRO(G) — Int (8.12.81), 6; CY — Int (25.3.80), 1; LRO(T) — Int (16.6.81), 4; PO(S)(SM) — Dry, 1; LS(S)(SM) — Int (11.11.81), 3; PO(TS)(SM) — Int (15.4.81), 1; LS(TS)(SM) — Int (14.7.81), 1; RS(SM) — 364, Nil; LRO(SM) — Int (8.12.81), Nil; PO(UW)(SM) — Int (3.8.81), Nil; POMEM(M) — Int (12.11.81), 4; LMEM(M) — Int (13.6.81), 21; POMEM(L) — Int (10.12.81), 3; LMEM(L) — Int (30.7.81), Nil; POMEM(O) — Dry, 3; LWEM(O) — Int (5.1.82), 10; POWEM(R) — Dry, 7; LWEM(R) — Int (24.11.81), 13; POMEM(M)(SM) — Int (20.11.80), Nil; LMEM(M)(SM) — Int (10.10.80), Nil; POMEM(L)(SM) — Dry, 1; LMEM(L)(SM) — Int (3.1.82), 1; POWEM(O)(SM) — Dry, 3; LWEM(O)(SM) — Int (16.11.81), 3; POWEM(R)(SM) — Dry, 1; LWEM(R)(SM) — Int (25.9.81), Nil; POWTR — Int (30.9.80), 6; LWTR — Int (9.9.81), 5; POSA — 307, 4; LSA — Int (11.12.79), 3; POCA — Int (8.12.80), Nil; LCA — Int (3.12.80), 6; POCK — 644, 3; LCK — 71, 5; POSTD — 447, 4; LSTD — 115, 8; POMA — Int (12.2.80), 1; LMA — 179, 2; POAEM(M) — Int (6.2.80), 2; LAEM(M) — Int (7.12.79), 6; POAEM(WL) — Int (6.1.81),

1; LAEM(WL) — 132, 2; POAEM(R) — Int (27.2.81), 1; LAEM(R) — 61, 3; PO(AH) — Int (29.3.80), Nil; LA(AH) — 68, 1; POA(SE) — 670, Nil; LA(SE) — Int (28.3.80), 1; POA(PHOT) — 382, Nil; POA(MET) — 497, Nil; POACMN — Int (20.3.80), 1; POWREN AEM(M) — Int (14.11.80), Nil; LWREN AEM(M) — 165, Nil; LWREN AEM(WL) — Dry, Nil; LWREN AEM(R) — Int (28.1.81), Nil; POWREN CK — Int (22.7.80), Nil; LWREN CK — Int (22.7.80), Nil; LWREN TEL — 124, Nil; POWREN DSA — Int (25.5.81), 1; LWREN DSA — 204, Nil; POWREN MET — 605, Nil; LWREN MET — 154, Nil; POWREN PHOT — 474, Nil; LWREN PHOT — 72, Nil; POWREN (R) — 192, Nil; LWREN (R) — 157, Nil; POWREN RS — Int (9.9.80), Nil; LWREN RO — 154, 2; POWREN STD O — Int (26.1.81), Nil; LWREN STD O — 91, Nil; POWREN SA — 69, Nil; LWREN SA — 91, Nil; POWREN TSA — Int (18.12.80), Nil; LWREN TSA — 222, Nil; POWREN WA — Int (17.7.80), Nil; LWREN WA — 174, Nil; POWREN WTR G — Int (30.9.80), 2; LWREN WTR G — Int (7.12.79), 4; POWREN WTR P — Int (25.3.80), Nil; LWREN WTR P — 88, Nil; LWREN WTR S

— Dry, Nil; POWREN D HYG — 123, Nil; POWREN REG — Int (3.3.81), Nil; POWREN PT — Int (14.10.80), Nil. The Basic Dates quoted for WRNS ratings in the following categories, which have no examination for the next higher rate, are applied in accordance with BR 1066 Chapter 22.

POWREN OA — Int (24.7.81), Nil; POWREN EDUC — Int (3.12.81), 1; POWREN MT — Int (2.11.80), 1; LWREN MT — 143, Nil; POWREN TEL — Int (4.5.81), Nil. A number of ratings have become qualified for advancement on February 1, 1982, as a result of gaining their second "Now" recommendation on November 30, 1981. Because some of these men have been on the advancement roster for a number of years, if they were now quoted as the top eligible rating it would give a false impression of the true length of the roster. Rosters marked with an asterisk have one or two of these men at the top, but the points / basic dates shown are those which give a true guide to the average points / waiting time.

## PROMOTIONS

AUTHORISATION for promotion of the following rates to chief petty officer has been issued:

### SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT

To CPOSA — M. R. Millar (Revenge Stbd).  
To CPOST — M. F. Barlow (Dryad), J. M. Pool (Spartan), D. V. Kane (Osprey), J. Stevenson (FOT), G. J. Cowell (Dryad).

### COMMUNICATIONS

To CCY — S. C. Kerslake (Amazon), P. J. Goodbody (Mercury).  
To CRS(W) — D. C. Hughes (Dryad).

### PHYSICAL TRAINING AND RECREATION BRANCH

To CPOPT — R. D. Hope (Rooke), K. A. Richardson (Drake).

### MARINE ENGINEERING

To CMEM(M) — M. G. Barclay (Mercury), W. Hughes (Drake), M. R. Dumbleton (Nelson), G. R. Thorne (Portsmouth FMG), F. S. Crisp (Glamorgan), A. Barlow (Exeter).

### OPERATIONS BRANCH (SEAMAN GROUP)

To CPO(OPS)(M) — R. G. McGuire (Ajax).  
To CPO(OPS)(R) — G. W. Jones (Drake), M. J. Horne (Fearless).  
To CPO(OPS)(S) — K. O. Lake (FO Gibraltar), P. Clipstone (Lowestoft).

### SUBMARINE SERVICE

To CMEM(M)(SM) — D. M. Craven (Churchill), A. F. Morris (Renown Stbd), R. J. Graham (Neptune).

### MEDICAL BRANCH

To CPOMA — P. D. Emmins (INM Alverstoke), G. K. Doyle (Fearless), C. E. James (INM Alverstoke).

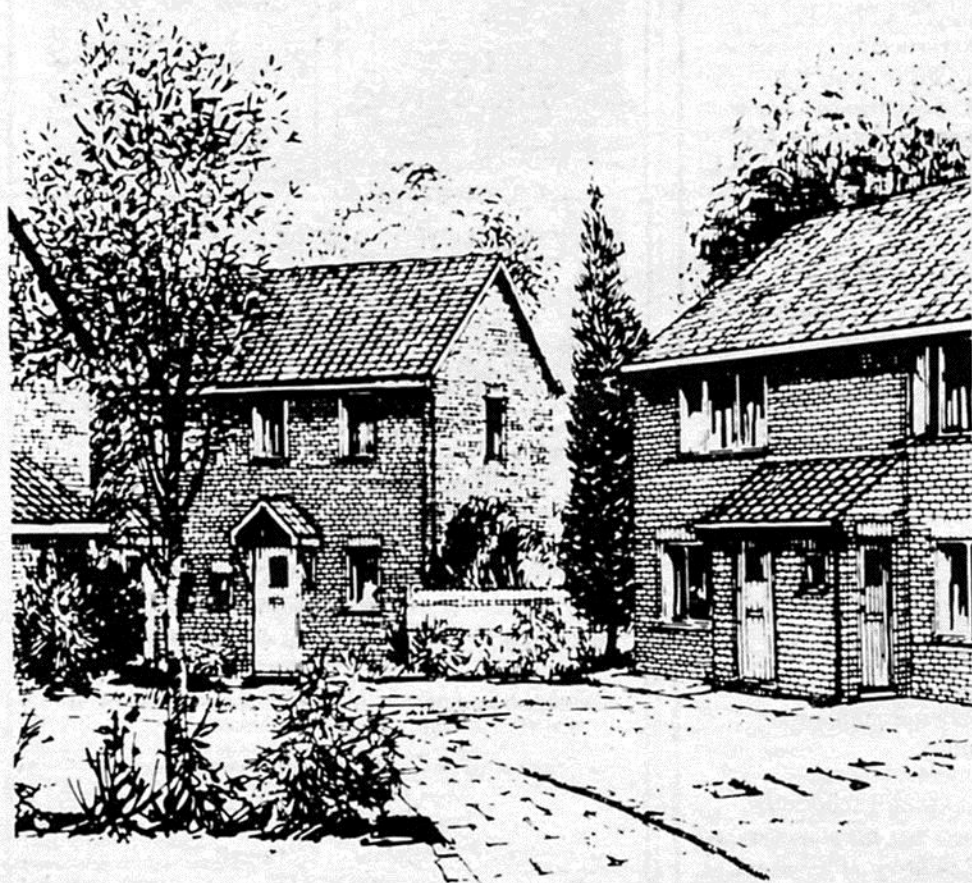
### ARTIFICERS AND MECHANICIANS

To ACMEA(M)(GS) — W. G. Franklin (Norfolk).  
To ACWEMN(SM)(WDO) — A. J. Shutt (Neptune).  
To ACWEA(SM)(ADC) — R. Foubister (Neptune).

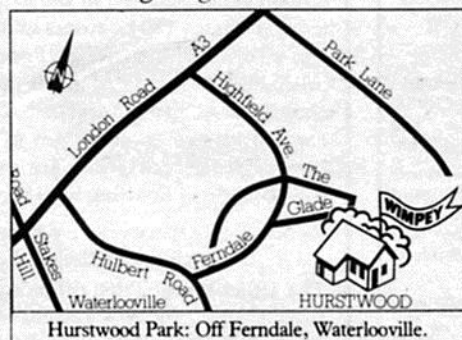
## Brummies ahoy!

HMS BIRMINGHAM is planning a Portsmouth sea day for "old boys" on May 25. Interested officers and ship's company who served in earlier Birmingham are asked to write for further details to Sub-Lieut. P. S. Williams (Old Boys' Sea Day), HMS Birmingham, BFPO Ships.

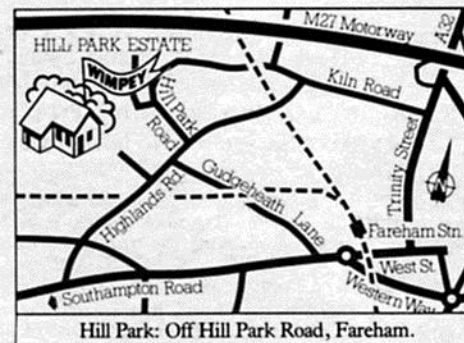
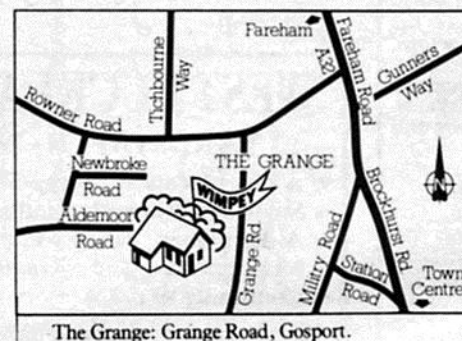
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# 'Haere Mai' — plus an offer of help

"HAERE MAI" is the greeting New Zealand sends to serving and ex-members of the Royal Navy. It comes from Shipmate J. Hawkins, ex-CPOA(S) of Auckland, who writes on behalf of his fellow shipmates of Auckland and Nelson branches of the Royal Naval Association.

Shipmate Hawkins says that although they are miles from Portsmouth, Chatham, Devonport and the Fleet Air Arm, they take a keen interest in naval affairs and keep in touch with developments by reading Navy News.

When HM ships visit New Zealand they take great pride in their presence and enjoy looking over the ships and meeting the sailors.

The branches would be only too willing he says, to organise socials, tours and "up-homers" (introductions) for visiting ships if advance notice is given of the intended visit.

They are also willing to help those intending to settle in New Zealand and are ready to answer any questions addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Royal Naval Association (North Shore Branch), 82 Ayton Drive, Glenfield, Auckland 10, New Zealand.

Nearer home, there was financial help for the Penlee Disaster Fund from members of Lincoln Club. They held a tarpaulin muster on Christmas Eve, which raised £61.

The Penlee fund was also helped by shipmates of Stockton-on-Tees, who raised £90 by raffling a bottle of rum. The sum was increased to £200 by the club committee.

## GOOD YEAR

Stourbridge break a long silence to report a good year with many highlights, including a "Crossing of the Line" party attended by shipmates of Welshpool and Kidderminster.

Shipmates of Sittingbourne mourn the loss of their vice-president, Shipmate Gordon Gunstone, whose courage

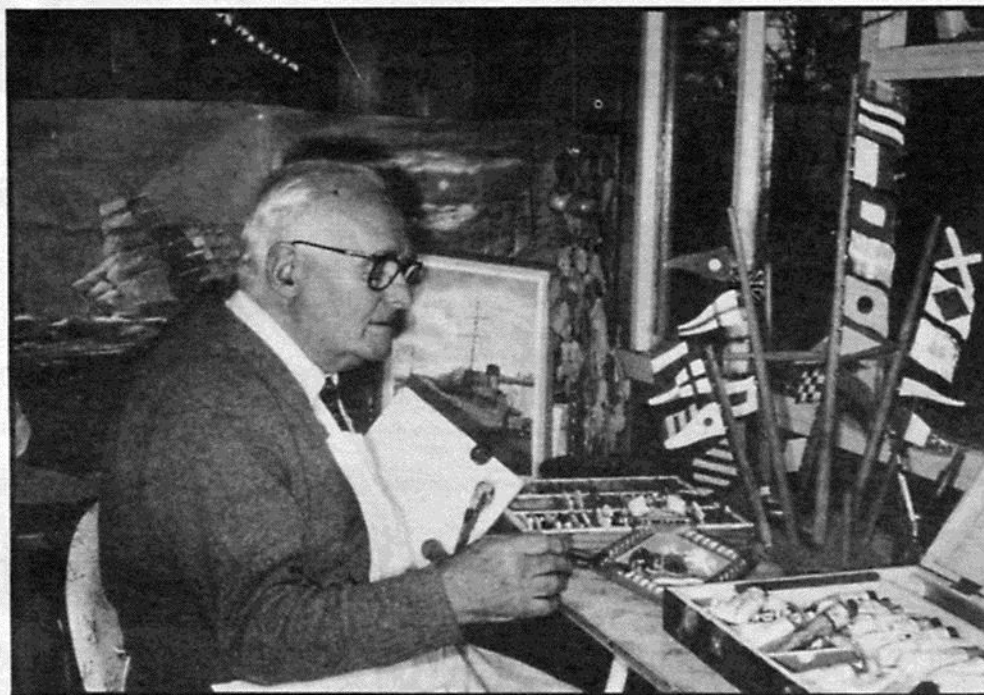
## BRANCH NEWS

throughout a long illness was an inspiration to all. Shipmate Gunstone was told he had cancer in May 1980, but he did not let this interfere with preparations for the dedication of the branch standard, which he had worked hard to achieve.

Throughout his illness he continued working for the branch and pioneered the "twinning" of Sittingbourne with Frankston branch of the Australian Naval Association, an event believed to be the first of its kind. This finally came about on September 18, 1981, the day Shipmate Gunstone was re-admitted to hospital. He carried on until after Christmas, coherent and intelligent to the very end.

Members of Purley joined those of Battersea, Hanworth and the Fleet Air Arm Association for a social evening held at Belvedere House of the Seafarer's Society, a cause they support with donations and gifts.

Bad weather did not prevent 22 members of Yeovil from



FLAGS and plaques are restored as good as new by Shipmate Frank Hargraves of Sidcup branch in readiness for the dedication ceremony to mark the re-opening of the main deck of Bexley Sea Cadet Unit, TS Caprice, which is re-building. The hoist at the mini-masthead spells "Caprice," and the starboard yardarm "MFW63," which is Bexley Unit's radio callsign.



"They shouldn't have abolished the rum ration. It never did us any harm, did it, Miss?"

attending their January meeting at which Shipmate Mike Cronin took over as welfare officer and Shipmate Joe Rowland volunteered to become branch standard bearer.

Shipmates of Newton Abbot are busily preparing for the dedication of their new standard and the laying up of the old at St Mary's Church, Abbotsbury,

on March 28 at 3 p.m. Music will be provided by a Royal Marines band and a welcome is extended to all who wish to attend. The occasion also marks the 25th anniversary of the formation of the branch.

## UCKFIELD BRANCH

Uckfield and District paid a tribute to the ladies by getting Shipmate Kay Warrington, secretary and deputy national councillor No 3 Area to preside at the commissioning of their branch which already boasts 14 members. The branch meets at The Half Way House, Isfield, Uckfield, East Sussex. The following shipmates were elected officers: V. Weston (chairman); E. Cocks (secretary) and K. Keevil (treasurer).

## OBITUARY

Shipmate Ted Lloyd, Hereford, January 14, aged 59.

Shipmate Bob Watson, Stockton-on-Tees, January 2, aged 73.

Shipmate Jimmy Cartwright, Lorton, January 19, aged 67.

Shipmate Dennis Hill, Stourbridge, January 20, aged 57.

Shipmate Stan Lomas, treasurer Bournemouth, December 21.

field, Surrey. There will be a buffet lunch, tea, supper and a visit of remembrance to Lieut.-Cdr. Ritchie's grave. For details contact Mr. E. Drummond, 5 Green Way, Scarcroft, Leeds LS14 3BJ (telephone 0532-892222).

Mr. S. G. Cooke, 3 The Florins, Purbrook, Portsmouth, Hants PO7 5RJ asks if any ex-members of 313 King's Squad, Royal Marines, formed at Deal July 1938 would be interested in attending a reunion.

The Aircrewmen Association annual meeting and social will take place on March 27 at the Poldhu Hotel, Mullion, Cornwall. For details contact Mr. Tom Downes, 53 Goldcroft Avenue, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 0ES.

The Cornwall Association reunion and dinner will be held on board HMS President on April 10 (6.30 for 7 p.m.). Details from Mr. E. A. Langford, 111 Robins Close, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent ME17 2LE (Telephone Maidstone 858-700).

HMS Glasgow Old Boys Association third reunion will take place in Portsmouth on August 7 and 8. There will be a buffet dance at the Victory Club, HMS Nelson, followed next day by a memorial service at St Ann's Church, Portsmouth Naval Dockyard. Tickets for the reunion at £5 each are available from Mr. Allan Mercer, 89 Royal Avenue, Hough Green, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 8J, or from Mr. D. Hay, Portsmouth Royal Naval Club, Lake Road, Portsmouth.

## CALLING OLD SHIPMATES

Mr. M. A. W. "Dock" Harbor, ex-Yeo Sigs, 7 Coverdale, Heelands, Milton Keynes, Bucks, wants to contact members of 361-371 class HMS Ganges, 1951-53 with a view to organising a reunion (telephone 0908-310294).

Mr. L. S. Markham, 2 Le Vett Way, Polegate, Sussex BN26 6LN, is trying to find out what became of William Williams, who came from Roehampton Estate and who was a Boy in HMS Ganges 1934-35.

Mr. W. Trigwell, ex-CPO, 6 Parkers Cottages, East Lavant, Chichester, Sussex PO18 0A4, would like to hear from shipmates of HMS Hawkins (1939-44), particularly Tubby Ayliffe and Bert Easterbrook, last together at the landings at Salerno.

Mr. Taffy Evans, ex-LRO(T), "The Lord Brooke PH", 47 Shernall Street, Walthamstow, London E17, is anxious to trace shipmates of HMS Ashanti (1966-67, commission), particularly Titch Howlett and Pat Kuffel. He would welcome news also of John Bullmore, HMS Glamorgan, 1969.

Mr. Arthur Aston, 9 Chetwynd Gardens, Stafford Road, Cannock, Staffs, wants to get in touch with any classmates of Class 267 Anson Division, HMS St George 1944.

Mr. J. O. Crump (ex-Shipwright), 33 Hollybush Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 5SD, would like to get in touch with ex-Chippies of HMS Hawkins's two wartime commissions and would be pleased to pass on news of others he has contacted.

Ex-Wren Mary Probert (1944-46), now Mrs. Kostromin, 17 Gower Place, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4AB, West Glamorgan, would like to hear from ex-Wrens who served with her at Mill Hill, London, Londerry, McRahanish Camptown and in Dale, Pembroke.

Mr. K. B. Holder, 19 Pillay Crescent, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, GL53 9ES, Glos (Telephone Cheltenham 28078) would like to contact R. I. Hele, last known address Bowers Chase, Glastonbury, and L. Hemborough, Felton area, Bristol, who served in HMS Braganza 1943-45.

Mr. Ronald Palethorpe-Brazier, 24 High Street, Old Portsmouth, Hants, ex-SBA HMS Malaya 1941, wishes to contact Raymond Privett, ex-AB.

Mr. Bill Daly, secretary HMS Edinburgh Association, 2 Haig Avenue, Great Sankey, Warrington, Cheshire (telephone Penketh 6398) is trying to trace Thomas Edward Taylor, retired chief of signals, HMS Edinburgh, on behalf of his sister, Mrs. L. Wright, who lives in California. Mr. Taylor joined at H.M.S. Exmouth as a boy.

## HMS Sutton: The pride of Welwyn

AMONG THE crests which adorn the walls of Welwyn Garden City headquarters, pride of place is given to that of HMS Sutton, the Hunt-class minesweeper adopted by Welwyn Garden City in 1942.

The crest was recently presented to the branch after being rescued from a cellar in the city's council offices, where it lay forgotten for more than 30 years.

It was given to the council when HMS Sutton was scrapped in 1947 as a token of appreciation for the home comforts provided for the ship's crew during the war years.

A welcome awaits any ex-crew members of HMS Sutton who care to contact the club in Blackfan Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.

## OTHER REUNIONS ...

HMS Howe reunion buffet dance will take place in the Nautical Club, Bishopgate Street, Birmingham B15 1ET on September 17 (1930 to 2359). Tickets (£1.25 each) available from Mr. Claude Myers, 1095 Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham B31 (telephone (021) 475 2441).

A Portsmouth area reunion dinner for retired and serving senior rate stewards is planned for June. Those interested should write to POSTD G. C. Cowell, c/o Wardroom, HMS Dryad, Southwick, Hants DL17 6EJ.

The Foylebank Association reunion will take place in Weymouth and Portland over week-end May 1-3. Those who took part in the Foylebank action, in whatever way, should contact Mr. Peter Davies, 2 Marbury Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4DJ (telephone 0625-531144).

HMS Armada (1957-58) reunion will take place on April 3 and 4, starting with lunch in the WO's and PO's Mess, HMS Nelson. Closing date for applications is March 20.

Details from Mrs. W. Coventry, Church Lodge, Laverstoke, Whitchurch, Nr. Basingstoke, Hants (telephone (0256) 770405).

Officers, crew and Royal Marines who served in HMS Phoebe 1946-48 in the Mediterranean interested in a reunion should contact Mr. H. F. Reed, Royal Alfred Seafarers Society, Weston Acres, Woodmansterne Lane, Banstead, Surrey SM7 3HB.

HMS Bedouin officers and ratings are invited to a "40 Years on Reunion" which take place in the WO's and CPO's Mess, HMS Pembroke, on June 12. For details contact CPO Alfred Baxter, 9 Baron Close, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1TH.

Mr. G. F. Potts, 21 High Street, Sunninghill, Ascot, Berks SL5 9NG would like to know if reunions are planned for HM ships Islay or Acacia.

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## SHIP'S SPIT PERSONALITY!

LIEUT. Nigel Dedman, commanding officer of HMS Walkerton, presents his ship's crest to Bob Carolgees and Spit the Dog during a visit to the Granada TV studios in Manchester.

Members of the ship's company appeared in the quiz game "Square One" hosted by Joe Brown, and performed the hornpipe on the programme which is expected to be televised on April 9. The ship has now "adopted" Bob and Spit.

The opportunity of television stardom came for the men of the Walkerton while their ship was visiting Liverpool. They have now come down to earth — rather, to sea — on fishery patrol duties in the Channel.

## DIARY

Chatham Navy Days — May 20, 31.  
HMS Gannet Open Day, Prestwick Airport — June 5.  
RNAY Fleetlands Open Day, Gosport — June 12.  
Royal Tournament, Earls Court — July 14 to 31.  
HMS Daedalus Air Day, Lee-on-Solent — July 17.  
Portland Naval Base Open Days — July 17, 18.  
Llangennech Open Day, RN Store Depot, Llangennech, Dyfed — July 24.  
RNAS Culdrose Air Day, Helston, Cornwall — July 26.  
RNAS Yeovilton International Air Day, Yeovilton, Somerset — July 31.  
Portsmouth and Plymouth Navy Days — August 28, 29, 30.  
• Dates of major naval events throughout the year will be considered for inclusion in this diary if sent in writing to the Editor.



The ship is due for acceptance by the Royal Navy next month, having successfully completed Final Machinery Trials on January 13 before returning to Cammell Laird's Birkenhead Shipyard to continue work on weapon systems and to store ship.

Links between ship and city have already been forged, local charities supported by fund-raising activities, and the liaison with the Kings Regiment started by the previous HMS Liverpool in 1939 has been resumed.

### IN GERMANY

The Kings traditionally recruit in the Liverpool-Manchester area, and are currently serving in Germany.

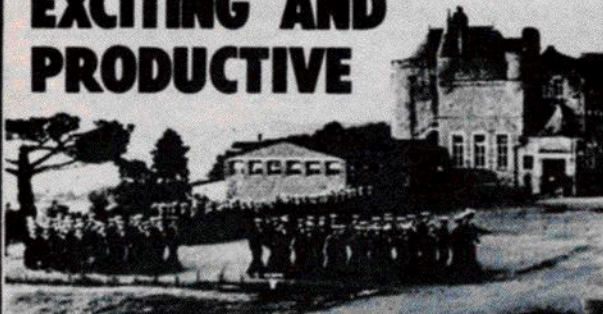
It is hoped to form an HMS Liverpool Association from ex-Liverpools, and so far nearly 50 have been contacted. It is intended that the association be independent of the ship, but closely linked, and names and addresses of anyone interested in forming such an organization should contact Cdr. N. G. McNaughton RN, HMS Liverpool, c/o Cammell Laird Shipbuilders Ltd., Birkenhead, Merseyside.

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers to run the association are also being sought.

Representatives of former Liverpool ship's companies will be invited to attend the commissioning of the new ship — the seventh to bear the name — in July. For those unable to attend, a ship's visit will be arranged in due course.

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WHILE HMS Broadsword was off Ushant in Brittany Lieut.-Cdr. Stephen Auty put his name and that of his ship in a bottle and threw it over the side. Twenty-one days and 400 miles later the bottle was picked up on the beach at Ferring, West Sussex, by Victoria and Lucy Baldwin, aged nine and seven. Last month they and their parents were guests of honour in the Broadsword, and are pictured here returning the bottle to Lieut.-Cdr. Auty.

Picture: LA(Phot) Ken Johnson

## Survey supper

TO MARK their 75th anniversary, the Royal Navy's survey recorders are holding a buffet supper and disco evening at the Royal Fleet Club, Devonport, on Saturday April 17.

Members, ex-members and families are invited. For tickets (£3 each) and further information, contact FCPO D. Carey, Hydrographic Department, Taunton (tel. Taunton 67900, ext. 244); or FCPO R. F. H. Scrivens, Hydrographic School, HMS Drake (tel. Plymouth 555953). Cheques should be made payable to "Survey Reunion."





## GULF PATROL NEWS



## HOT SHOTS . . .

THESE pictures of the operation to save the cargo ship Aris were taken by Lynx helicopter pilot Lieut. Alan Bucknell and by Sub-Lieut. Stuart Little on board HMS Ambuscade.

They show: LEFT — the Ambuscade standing by the blazing vessel; BELOW — the Lynx overflying the boat party from the frigate; BOTTOM — burned-out cars on the Aris's deck as the Ambuscade's firefighters prepare to drench the heated hull of the Greek ship.

# Ambuscade in heat of battle

GULF PATROL ship HMS Ambuscade returned to her Plymouth base on February 26 after completing one of the toughest firefighting assignments of her career.

En route from her four-month deployment to the Gulf of Oman, the Ambuscade encountered the Greek cargo ship Aris on fire in the Red Sea.

## Amazon on guard

HMS AMAZON left Devonport on February 22 to take her turn on Gulf Patrol. She was calling at Gibraltar before beginning her four-month deployment, to be undertaken in company with HMS Cardiff, which left Portsmouth on the same day.

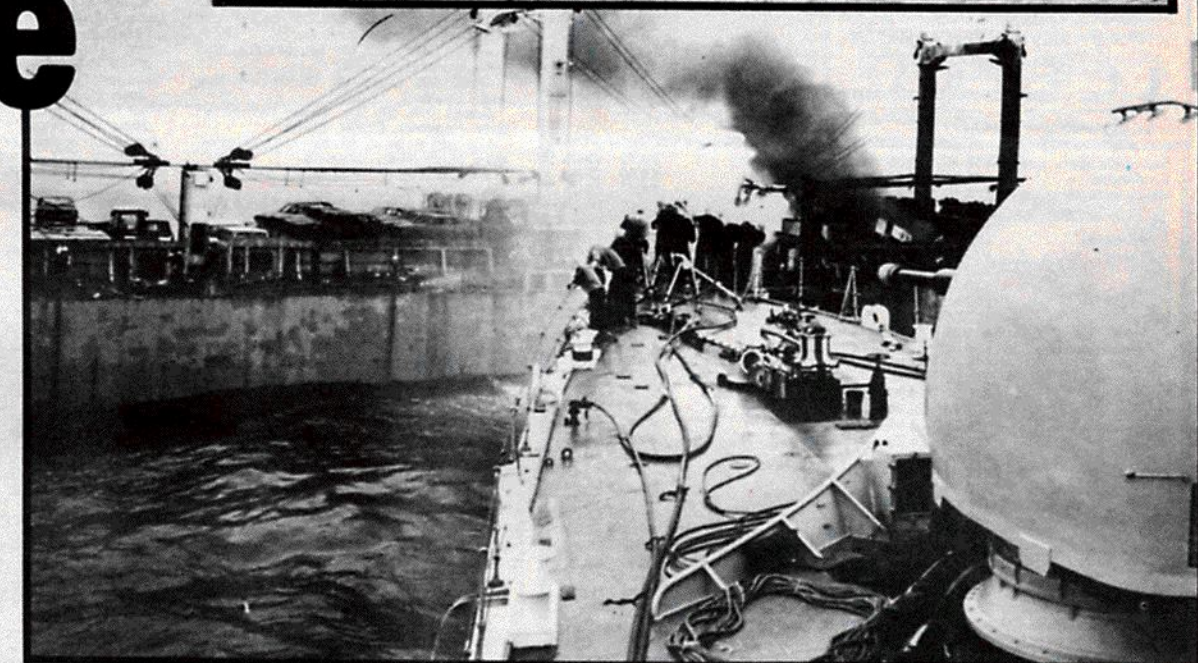
The Amazon's last Divisions before she left were conducted in the Drill Shed at HMS Drake, with the ship's company dressed in whites. Appropriately, the inspecting officer was Capt. Hugo White, Captain of the Fourth Frigate Flotilla.

The 10,000-ton vessel had been abandoned the previous day, February 6, the crew being taken off by the merchant ship Fort Hamilton.

### Non-stop work

By the time the Ambuscade arrived on the scene the fire had spread over a large area of the ship — and required a large firefighting team to control it. Fifty-five men from the frigate were transferred to the Aris, and the frigate's Lynx helicopter was flown backwards to lower items close to the edge of the fire zone.

The Royal Navy team, working non-stop and without relief for 24 hours, brought the blaze under control to save the Aris from sink-



ing. She was then taken over by the London-registered Upwey Grange and the salvage tug Salvanita, their aim being to beach the ship.

Among the ports visited by the

Ambuscade during her deployment were Karachi in Pakistan and Haifa in Israel. But it was home, sweet home when she finally put into Devonport . . .

She was greeted by music from the Royal Marines Band of the Flag Officer Plymouth as well as wives and family members of the 170-strong ship's company.

# KING NEPTUNE ACTIVATES . . .

KING NEPTUNE and his court are pictured awaiting their victims as HMS Active crosses the line on her way to Mombasa.

The two-week break in Kenya came after the frigate had completed her first patrol period in the Gulf.

While away the Active has raised about £1,000 for the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust, which sends groups of children and helpers to Lourdes for a week's holiday each year.

Efforts began with an evening race meeting on the Active's flight deck on New Year's Day and continued with sponsored sit-ups by four members of the ship's company. They achieved 4,000 sit-ups in 2hr. 10min.

On arrival in Mombasa a 24-hour sponsored

run was organised, taking a team of ten runners to Malindi and back — a total distance of 240 kilometres. The intrepid joggers ran throughout the day in temperatures of up to 100 degrees F, returning "hot foot" to the ship the following morning.

### Change of command

The team was helped on its way by the Active's commanding officer, Cdr. Peter Franklyn, who ran the first leg of the course. Later in the visit the roles were reversed and Cdr. Franklyn was helped on his way after handing over command of the ship to Cdr. Paul Canter.

Cdr. Franklyn was rowed ashore in a specially built barge pulled by 11 wardroom serfs . . .





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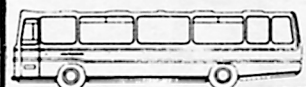
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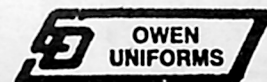
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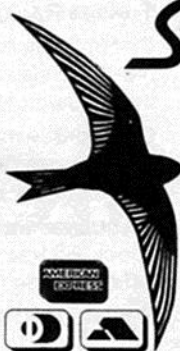
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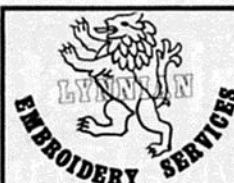
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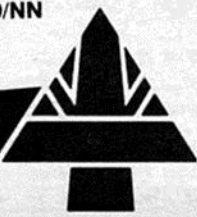
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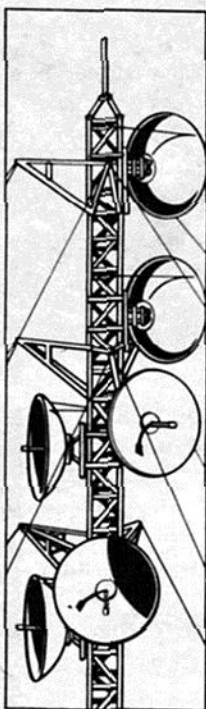
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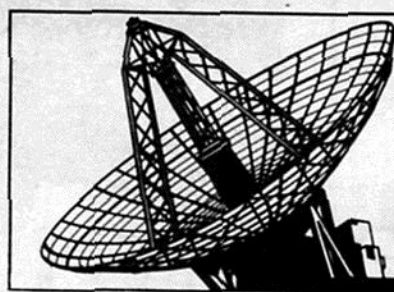
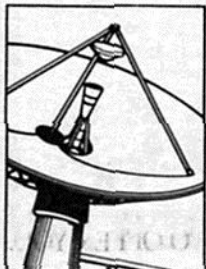
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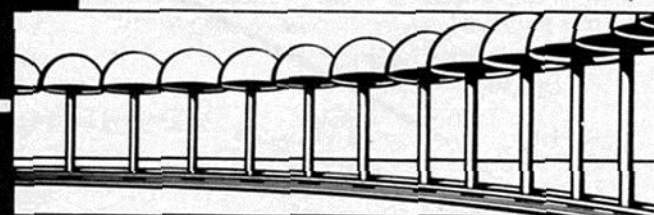
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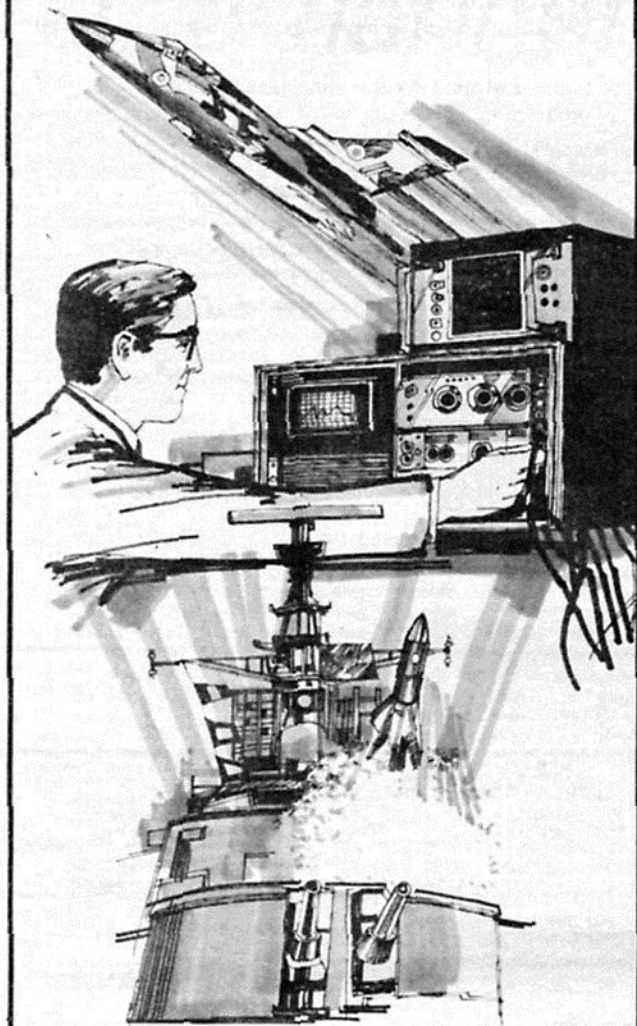


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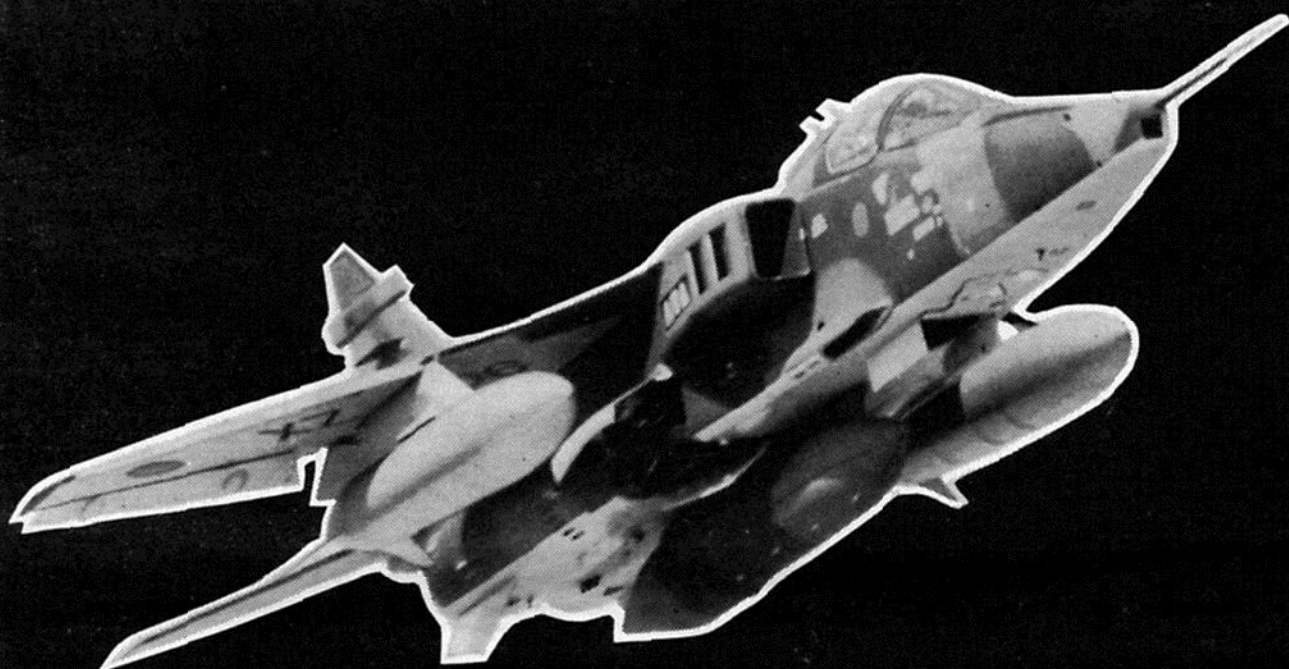
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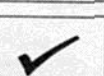
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## SHOOTING

195 out of 200. She also won the WRNS Medal for the highest aggregate in this match and the four "warm up" representative fixtures.

The team, trained by Lieut. Gordon Perry (Mercury) and captained by Second Officer Linda Reader (MOD), also did well in the preliminary matches. They beat Gosport Ladies by 32 points, Hampshire Police by 38,

and Hampshire Ladies by 20. Although they lost to the Civil Service in London, the Wrens did improve on their best score recorded in this fixture. Third Officer Cathy Watterson (Churchill) top scored with 197 out of 200.

The Newcome Trophy for the best aggregate in the Civil Service and Inter-Service matches was won by POWren Sue Craddock (President), who also won the Rifleman WRNS Trophy presented to the Wren contributing the most to smallbore shooting over the year.



LIEUT. Charles Dickenson (above), of AUWE Portland, has been selected to tour Canada later this year with the Great Britain target rifle team. He is a keen member of the RN Rifle Club and last year at Bisley won the NRA Silver Medal, was tenth in the Grand Aggregate, and for the second year was well placed in the final of the Queen's Prize competition.

# SPORT

## SUE SHOWS CLEAN PAIR OF HEELS

HOPES were high for a WRNS victory at the Inter-Services cross-country meeting at Blackdown Army Camp on February 26, with the Wrens expected to field a very strong team.

Wren Sue Hutton (Collingwood) easily won the women's event in the Navy championships at HMS Dryad on February 12 — and even managed to catch the stragglers in the men's race. CPWPNT Nuala Atkey (Nelson) was second, Wren Viv Jenkins (Nelson) third, and Wren Jo Marks (Rooke) fourth.

Joining them for the Inter-Services race was 1981 champion POWren Sheila Hawkeswood, now serving at the British Military

## CROSS-COUNTRY

Hospital at Iserlohn in West Germany. Sixth runner to count was Wren Mandy Warland from Yeovilton.

The men's race was won comfortably by Sub-Lieut. Chris Robison, who led from start to finish to retain his title. A good race developed behind him involving POPT Andy Cullen, Sub-Lieut. Terry Osborne, Capt. Barry Heath RM, last year's junior champion, Sub-Lieut. Simon Ponsonby, and FCPO Keith Cawley, the Navy cross-country champion.

Ponsonby finished second, followed by Cawley, Cullen and Heath.

## JUNIOR RACE

MEM Nigel Barraclough (Nelson) led from the start to win the junior race, with CA Rick Thornton (Drake) second, and Marines Price and Maxwell third and fourth.

Chris Robison finished an impressive seventh out of a record 800-plus entries for the Southern Counties cross-country championship over the new distance of nine miles at Parliament Hill.

● On the indoor scene, the Navy's centre of excellence at Eastney is running a national course over the weekend March 13-14. Pole vaulters and sprinters will be particularly well catered for, and Navy athletes are encouraged to attend.

● MNE Stuart Gibbs has been selected for the Welsh hurdles squad to prepare for the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane later this year.

● Former Navy runner Charles Burton has returned to the road after years out of the sport. Charles, who left the Navy in 1961, recently won the Southern Counties veterans' cross-country championships at Romford.

# Month of mixed fortunes

ABANDONED by his fellows at Bristol and bereft of brandy at the Rectory, Kermit's month has been one of mixed fortunes, as it has also been for the Navy team, writes Mike Vernon.

Confident after their decisive win over Saracens the previous Saturday, the Navy, after conceding an early try to Cambridge University from an astute cross kick by England (then) flyhalf Huw Davies when a drop at goal looked like the likelier option, did well to hold their fit and lively opponents to 4-4 at half-time.

A back row move on the blind side of a scrum on the Cambridge line had enabled Mike Connolly to put Glyn Wood in for the equalising try in the 18th minute, but neither side was able to progress their score until shortly before the end, when continuous pressure from Cambridge, playing better against than with the wind as the Navy had done in the first half, eventually produced a slanting break from centre Boyd-Moss (albeit from a palpable forward pass), who crossed for Davies to add the points and give Cambridge a narrow victory by ten points to four.

The following week the Navy, succeeding where the other two Services had failed, defeated Oxford University as decisively as the final scoreline of 16-6 would indicate.

A fine performance by the Navy forwards in the loose, in which the steadily improving back row of Wood, Connolly and Mark Sheldon were especially prominent, was translated into points by Gerry Price with a dropped goal from a free-kick and two penalty goals, Peter Tomlin with a further long-range penalty and by Chris Folland with his first ever try for the Navy after an exhilarating burst of passing between the forwards.

## FORMIDABLE

The Bristol pack proved as formidable as ever in the next match and had they been more disciplined and less intent on clogging, might well have enabled their side to win by a wider margin than 21-6. A try in the fourth

minute from the front of a line-out close to the Navy line got Bristol away to a flying start and a penalty awarded for a scrum collapse put them seven points up after ten minutes.

The Navy reduced the deficit with a Tomlin penalty goal for obstruction and only con-

## RUGBY

ceded a further penalty goal before half-time when the score was 10-3 to Bristol.

A further Bristol penalty goal was neutralised by Tomlin and the game had entered the last quarter before a brilliant piece of fielding and a long pass by former England wing Alan Morley enabled Carr to accelerate through a gap for Bristol's second try.

Shortly before the end Morley himself nipped in at the corner.

A rare home game the following week at the Rectory on an unpleasant night saw the Navy draw 9-9 with Cornwall. Ground and weather conditions were not conducive to fluent rugby and it was Cornwall who made the livelier start, establishing a nine-point lead from three penalty goals.

The Navy, in the meantime, had a try by Blackett disallowed through over-zealous application of the new tackle law as Trevor Newsom flipped the ball inside from an upright position, but Tomlin restored the balance with two good penalty goals before half-time.

## Arethusa's victory

HMS ARETHUSA beat the RNR Communication Training Centre 4-0 in an exciting rugby match played while the ship was at Swansea in January.

## FIXTURES

### MARCH

- 4-6 — Badminton: CS matches v Post Office and Dorset.
- 4-7 — Hockey: RN U21 Midland tour.
- 5 — Football: RN U21 v Army U21 (Costford).
- 6 — Football: RN U21 v RAF U21 (Costford); Judo: RN v London (CTCRM); Hockey: RNWHA v Hants (Portsmouth); Netball: RNWHA v Worcester (Bromsgrove).
- 7 — Netball: RNWHA v Malvern (Malvern); Modern Pentathlon: RN v South West Triathlon (Sherborne).
- 8-10 — Hockey: Inter-Service championships (Portsmouth).
- 9 — Squash: RN v Enfield (Enfield).
- 10 — Football: RN v Army (Aldershot).
- 12-13 — Equestrian: Military Novice Class (Crockham Horse Trials).
- 13 — Rugby: RN v Army (Twickenham); Hockey: RNWHA v Manamead (Plymouth).
- 13-14 — Judo: Inter-Service championships (Uxbridge).
- 14 — Modern Pentathlon: RN v Metropolitan Police Tetrathlon (Imber Court); Volleyball: RNWHA v Speedwell/Portsmouth Scorpions (Bristol); Hockey: RNWHA v Devon (Plymouth).
- 15 — Hockey: RNWHA v Civil Service (Portsmouth).
- 16 — Hockey (Indoor): RNWHA v Southampton (Eastleigh); Squash: RN v Blackheath (RNC Greenwich).
- 17 — Football: RN v RAF (Portsmouth).
- 17-19 — Hockey: Inter-Service championships (Aldershot).
- 20-21 — Kayak: R Seven (Ironbridge).
- 20 — Netball: RNWHA v Meon (Portsmouth).
- 21 — Netball: RNWHA v Rushmore (Portsmouth).
- 22-26 — Badminton: RN tour of Germany.
- 23 — Football: RN v Cornwall (Portsmouth).
- 24 — Equestrian: Downlands Horse Trials.
- 25-26 — Netball: Inter-Service championships (Portsmouth).
- 27 — Rugby: RN v RAF (Twickenham); Fencing: Inter-Service B Triangular.
- 28 — Equestrian: Gloves and Hawkes dressage competition (HMS Dryad).
- 30 — Hockey (Indoor): RNWHA v Winchester (Eastleigh).

### APRIL

- 1 — Modern Pentathlon: Regional Triathlon (Sherborne).
- 1-2 — Basketball: Inter-Service championship (RAF West Drayton).
- 3 — Cycling: Medium Gear 2577 (Hereford).

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# Those missed chances prove so costly . . .

FOUR Royal Navy players lined up in the Combined Services side which faced France in the international military tournament for the Kentish Cup at Aldershot on February 10, writes Jack Sheppard.

They were CPO Mick Patterson (Temeraire), Cpl Tiv Lowe (CTCRM), Bugler John O'Connell (RM Deal) and LWEM Kevin Maddocks (Vernon).

Services attacked confidently from the start, but were kept out by a tall and agile French 'keeper who coped well in the air. The French side contained three World Cup squad possibilities, and they took a surprise lead when a corner kick somehow squeezed between the post and a Services defender.

The visitors, suitably encouraged, began to play with some skill and scored again ten minutes from the end.

With France and Belgium having already played a 1-1 draw, Combined Services had to beat the latter in Brussels on February 24 to avoid the wooden spoon.

Missed opportunities cost the Navy dear in their representative matches last month, during which the Navy drew 2-2 with

Gloucestershire and 1-1 with London University, and lost 0-3 to Devon County FA and 1-2 to the Civil Service.

On January 27 the Navy kept their goal intact until the final minutes, only to be beaten by a strong Southampton FC reserve side from the penalty spot.

LPT Jimmy Stephenson (Excellent) and Tiv Lowe from the penalty spot scored the Navy's goals against Gloucestershire at

## Soccer

Cheltenham, a game which saw the return to the Navy side of POPT Alan Carlisle (Glamorgan) and POPT K. Baker (Raleigh). The home side were lucky to equalise in the last two minutes.

With four senior players on duty for Combined Services, there were enforced changes for the game against London University. AB Gary Ridgeway (Vernon) was back in goal after his cartilage operation, and PO Roger Noone (Heron) returned as a front runner after an absence of five years.

Jim Stephenson scored for the Navy and missed a penalty, and the Navy had two fine efforts by Noone disallowed. In the

end the students escaped with a 1-1 draw.

Against Devon on the Exeter City ground, the Navy fielded their strongest side and started in devastating fashion. But opportunities were squandered with regularity and Devon broke away to score twice before the interval. They scored again in the second half, and the only consolation for the team was that the Navy youth side was beating Devon 1-0 just down the road.

Missed opportunities again marred the Navy's performance in an evenly matched game against the Civil Service. The Civil Service's second goal was scored from the half-way line, with 'keeper Ridgeway well off his line. Kevin Maddocks pulled one back.

Pick of the March fixtures sees the Royal Navy matched against the Army at Aldershot on the tenth (k.o. 14.30) and the Royal Air Force at Victory Stadium on the 17th (k.o. 14.30) in the Inter-Services tournament.

● Ex-CERA Bill Sadlier, who for many years was involved with Royal Navy football as administrator, referee and linesman, died in Medway Hospital on January 24 at the age of 91.

# THE REIGN OF KING BAWTREE GOES ON

LIEUT.-CDR. ROBIN BAWTREE took his remarkable record of Royal Navy squash titles to 14 at the Navy championships in HMS Collingwood on January 31. Sadly, he is unlikely to add to that total.

Promoted to commander, he takes up a new appointment in Portugal in the summer and will be far removed from competitive squash of any standard. Now 39 and eligible next year to enter as a veteran, Bawtree first won the Navy title 20 years ago as a cadet.

He took title number 14 in convincing fashion, dropping not a single game throughout the four days of the tournament. In the final he met CPO Geoff Huggins, who did well to get that far with a leg injury, and beat him 9-7, 9-1, 9-3.

There was a record entry of 105 for the championships, which were sponsored by Watney Mann. General standards of play were high, but there is still a disturbing gap between the older players who dominate Navy squash and the new generation.

Only upset in the seedings came in the Under-25 final, when Sub-Lieut. Mark Benson defeated the favourite, Sub-Lieut. Ian Lockwood. Benson's achievement was considerable, as he broke a leg last year and has spent much time at sea since.

Lieut.-Cdr. Mike Benson (Mercury) won the veterans title without dropping a game, and beat a very tired Mark Blake in the final.

That was after Blake had defeated Cdr. George Rudge by the skin of his teeth in the semi-final in one of the longest and finest matches of the tournament.

CPO Mick Phillipson (Daedalus) had the misfortune to meet Robin Bawtree in the first round of the open competition, but made up for it by winning the Plate event with some ease.

## VETERANS WIN

The Navy's veterans excelled themselves at Frimley Green in the Inter-Service championships to win their section for the first time. Cdrs. Taylor, Rudge and Sant, Lieut.-Cdrs. Benson and O'Keeffe, and Lieut. Golding duly celebrated with champagne. Once again the Army, fielding three international players, were

## Squash

far too strong for the Navy and the RAF in the senior event, and the Navy lost both their matches 0-5.

## U-25 PROGRESS

At Under-25 level the Navy made some progress, although losing narrowly 2-3 to the Army and crashing 0-5 against the airmen.

The Navy Under-25 team left for Gibraltar on March 4 for a week-long end of season tour.

The 1981-82 Fleet squash championship was won by HMS Ajax, who beat HMS Southampton 5-0 in the final.

## Basketball

# Portsmouth make it in extra time

PORTSMOUTH and the Fleet Air Arm produced a fitting finale to an exciting Navy basketball championships in HMS Collingwood. With the scores level at 43-43, Portsmouth missed three free shots and the match went into extra time before they clinched the title.

The home command built up a ten-point lead by half time, although their very effective pressure defence caused PO Johnson (Newcastle) and CPO Thornton (Dryad) to pick up four faults each.

Both were kept on the bench at the restart to ensure they did not pick up early fifth fouls.

Their absence enabled Air to close the gap and take a three-point lead, but when they returned Portsmouth fought back to level terms, and with seconds remaining were awarded three free shots.

## MISSED

App Owen (Collingwood), normally the most accurate of the Portsmouth squad, missed all three and the game went into an extra period.

PO Lines (Sultan) replaced Johnson when the latter was fouled out, and his fresh strength combined with the accuracy of Thornton — top scorer on 21 — helped Portsmouth to a 51-47 victory.

The Royal Marines almost caused a major upset in their semi-final when they went close to defeating the strong Air team, while Scotland, fielding two American players, made Portsmouth work hard for a narrow win.

HMS Collingwood's PT staff put a lot of hard work into the organisation of the two-day event.

# CLAIRE GETS A DOUBLE

ALTHOUGH entries were slightly down for the Navy badminton championships held in HMS Sultan from February 10 to 12, standards were very high and honours evenly shared. Only one player, LWren Claire Wilkinson of HMS Vernon, took two titles.

AEA1 Ted Hill (Daedalus), holder of the men's singles title, had to fight back from match point down in his quarter final against Sub-Lieut. Wan (Collingwood), but won the final comfortably against LPT Peter Smale (Dolphin).

Smale teamed up with MNE Paul Gibson to form the outstanding men's doubles pairing, and they easily won their event, beating NSW Bob Dixon (Nelson) and WEA1 Richard Wiseman (Illustrious) in the final. Dixon also lost the veterans singles to Lieut. Ian Pike (Collingwood), but joined CERA Bill Watton (Sultan) to win the doubles final against Lieut.-Cdrs. Dave Thomsett (Collingwood) and Jan Larcombe (Heron).

There were no surprises in the women's events, with Claire Wilkinson defeating Wren Sarah Heath (Raleigh) to retain the singles, then partnering her to win



Lieut.-Cdr. Robin Bawtree is pictured at a now familiar moment, receiving the Royal Navy squash championship trophy. This was his 14th championship.

# Struggle for form as Inter-Services loom

## Badminton

the doubles from Third Officer Jill Crittenden (Raleigh) and Wren Sarah Earnshaw (Dryad).

Wilkinson and Richard Wiseman were the victims of the biggest upset in the tournament. They took the first set of the mixed doubles against Jill Crittenden and Lieut. Geoff Rowlands (Osprey) easily, only to lose the second and go down 15-13 in the deciding set.

The restricted men's doubles event, open only to players who have represented neither the Navy nor a county, was well supported. Lieut.-Cdr. Larcombe and Lieut. Ellis (both Heron) beat WEA Apps Wan and Zainudin of Collingwood.

The men's Under-21 singles was won by Navy player WEM2 Phil Burkett (Collingwood) in a close final against AB Steve Benton (Glasgow).

Among the trophies presented was the new Thompson Cup for the ladies' singles, named after Coun. E. V. J. Thompson who has helped to organise Wrens badminton for a number of years.

WITH THE Inter-Services tournament scheduled to take place at the US Ground, Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, from March 8 to 10, the two representative Royal Navy sides have been busy with their build-up programmes, writes Brian Lupton.

The Under-21s had a pleasing 2-1 win over Hawks U-21 with goals from Sub-Lieut. Ian Bisson (RNEC) and MEA Ap Tim Lee (Caledonia) and followed that up the next day with two games at Lymington.

In the morning they achieved a creditable goal-less draw with West Schools, but in the afternoon Somerset U-21 proved too strong and ran out 7-1 winners. AEM Iain Robert (Heron) scored the juniors' consolation goal from a short corner. The following week the juniors put up a spirited resistance before finally going down 3-0 to Cornwall B.

## TRANSITION

The juniors are in a state of transition having lost most of last year's squad. However, the management are confident that the traditional Midlands tour immediately prior to the Inter-Services will provide the necessary time for practice and coaching which has

## Hockey

proved so effective in recent years in their annual quest to retain their title.

Straight after the Inter-Services the Combined Services U-21 squad will be selected. They have four consecutive week-ends of hockey before the junior divisional tournament, which is the juniors' England Trial, at Norwich on April 3-4.

The Navy seniors have fared a little better with two wins over Hawks (2-0) and Winchester (2-1) and a succession of defeats, with the only goal of the game coming in the dying minutes against Havant, Wiltshire and Civil Service. The two games against the Universities saw heavier defeats (1-4 to Cambridge and 0-2 to Oxford).

Top scorer to date with four goals is Welsh international Lieut. Robin Martin (40 Cdo) just back from Zimbabwe where he helped Salisbury Sports Club to win the National League and the Inter-Cities Cup. The scorer of the winning goal against Winchester was

LCA Nigel Eves (Collingwood) who ended a fine individual run by beating former Navy 'keeper Lieut. Nigel King (Culdrose) from a narrow angle.

## SCEPTRE BEATEN

In the Midi-ships Cup holders HMS Sceptre have been eliminated, beaten 4-0 by HMS Minerva for whom LPT Bungy Edwards and WEM Ian Lambkin each scored a brace of goals.

Navy sides playing in civilian leagues have returned disappointing results recently. Figgard lost their chance of winning the Sun Life League Division 2 (South West) when they lost 2-0 to Teignbridge. US Portsmouth slipped up against Old Edwardians losing 3-0, but with wins over Pirelli (2-0), West Hants (4-0), Basingstoke (4-1) and Weymouth (2-1) a high position is guaranteed. The most disappointing results come from Manadon, firmly bottom of their league having lost all their games.

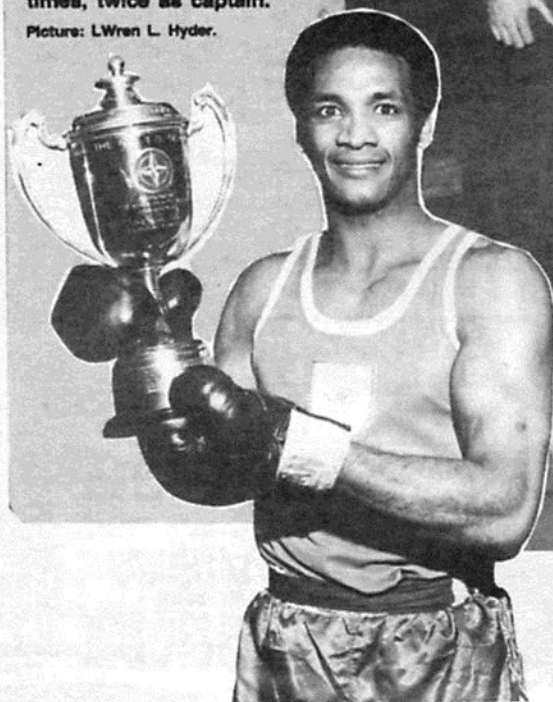


## Wayne's the winner . . .

ENGLAND light-welterweight AB Wayne Green (below) clutches the NATO Trophy after he had been awarded the Navy's "Sportman of the Year" accolade in the ring during the RN boxing championships at HMS Nelson on February 17.

The award, which recognizes outstanding contribution to sport in the Service, came as Green was receiving a walkover to his eighth Navy boxing title, a feat unlikely to be equalled. He has won six of his titles as a light-welter, two at welter-weight. He is recognised as the hardest hitting light-welter in the country, and has represented England 12 times, twice as captain.

Picture: LWren L. Hyder.



A TRIUMPHANT moment for the Royal Navy boxing squad after their victory over the Royal Air Force in HMS Nelson had given them the Inter-Services team championship for a record fifth successive year. Pictured left to right (back row) are Royal Marines coach LMA Phil King, RO Mick McGlynn, MNE Keith Ferdinand, RO Mervyn Lescott, AB Nick Croombes, MEM Ned Rawlins, LS Dennis Ricketts, JWEM Jim Mandley, AB Brian Schumacher, MEM Brian Kearney and assistant coach LPT Mick Garrity. Kneeling are AB Paul Evans, Under-19 coach CPO Alan Dolman, RO Craig Haldane, AB Stuart Gill, senior coach CPO Tony Oxley and SEA Pincher Martin.

Picture: LWren(Phot) G. Lloyd.

## SPORT

### Bawtree, Robison so close

AS REPORTED elsewhere on this page, the NATO and Sports Control Board trophies have been awarded to Royal Navy, Combined Services and England light-welterweight AB Wayne Green and the Navy swimming team.

Joint runners-up for the individual trophy were Lieut.-Cdr. Robin Bawtree, 14 times Navy squash champion, and up-and-coming distance runner Sub-Lieut. Chris Robison.

Other contenders in a distinguished entry were Marines Martin Macrae (ski-ing) and Bernie Shroobree (Nordic ski-ing).

Edged out for the team prize were the Navy boxers, winners in 1978 and 1980. Unlucky to be competing against such opposition were the RN marathon team, winners of the US Marine Corps marathon in Washington, the Navy cresta team which has won the Inter-Services event for a third successive year, and the all-Royal Marines cross-country ski team.

### Swimming

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

FOR THE SECOND time in three years the Royal Navy's swimmers have been awarded the RN and RM Sports Control Board Cup as the Navy's "team of the year."

In October the team completed a double grand slam of Inter-Service titles by retaining the swimming, diving and water polo championships, with the swimmers winning their competition by the biggest margin ever recorded.

During 1981 the water polo team won the international Willie Mellors tournament for the third consecutive time, and swept to victory in the prestigious Coventry invitation tournament.

On January 30 the water polo team won a tournament staged in HMS Collingwood, beating Brighton, Eastbourne and Bracknell.

That's the good news . . .

On the bad news side, a weak Navy water polo side failed to reach the finals of the Coventry tournament on February 13, and Welsh international Sub-Lieut. Dave Edwards has quit the Navy.

His departure to Civvy Street is a blow to Navy aspirations. He is a Welsh international, a Great Britain water polo player, and holds several Navy freestyle records.

### Table tennis

## Triple triumph

WREN Jan Turley of HMS Daedalus won three titles at the RN Women's Inter-Group and individual table tennis championships in HMS Nelson last month.

She beat Third Officer Caroline Barker (Pembroke) 21-15, 21-14 in the final of the singles, teamed up with Wren Pauline Harrison (Daedalus) to beat Third Officer Barker and CWren Ronnie Bell (Drake) in the doubles, and with AEM(L) Andersen to win the mixed doubles. Air and Scotland won the team prize.

# FAMOUS FIVE

THE ALL-CONQUERING Royal Navy boxing team stretched its gloved grip on the Inter-Services team championship to a record fifth consecutive year by beating the Royal Air Force six bouts to four in a packed HMS Nelson gymnasium on February 4.

In mid-January the Navy cleared the first obstacle to retaining the trophy by beating the Army by the same 6-4 margin.

There was a strong feeling on the night that the RAF could have made things considerably more difficult for the Navy if only they had believed in themselves a bit more. Last year at Brise Norton the

### Boxing

airmen failed to contest the light-welterweight division against big-hitting AB Wayne Green (HMS Intrepid) and subsequently lost by default when the match ended at five bouts to five.

This time the Navy were given walkovers at bantam, welter and light-middleweight, with AB Paul Evans (Argonaut), Green again, and RO1 Mervyn Lescott (Drake) benefitting accordingly.

### THREE WINS

That meant the Navy needed to win just three bouts on the night, and that was duly achieved by MEM Brian Kearney (Nelson), AB Nick Croombes (Vernon)

and ABA champion AB Brian Schumacher (Vernon).

The irony of the situation could not have been lost on the RAF when their Gordon Bucknall stopped Mervyn Lescott after just 75 seconds of a special light middleweight contest to pad out the bill.

Young RO Craig Haldane (Mercury) put up a brave, and skilful, show at flyweight before being overwhelmed by Combined Services champion Tim Jones, and MNE Mark Slater (40 Cdo), one of five Navy newcomers at this level, was caught cold in his first round against RAF featherweight champion Wayne Pritchard.

RO Mick McGlynn (Cambridge) put up a tremendous performance against highly rated Steve Snagg at lightweight. Snagg got a unanimous points decision, but not before both men had contributed to a superb contest.

From 1-3 down the Navy sailed on to a winning 6-3 margin through light-welterweight Brian Kearney, Green and Lescott, and two second round demolition jobs from Nick Croombes and Brian Schumacher. The latter went in at light-heavyweight and generated real power punching to stop England U-19 representative Paul MacNamee.

At heavyweight, Dave Farrell comfortably beat MEM Norman Linton (Nelson), but by then the Navy were already celebrating that magic fifth title success.

In two bill-filling specials, WEM Jim Mandley knocked out Mark McCormack of RAF Brawdy in the second round, and 16½ stone heavyweight MNE Keith Ferdinand (42 Cdo) earned a majority decision over RAF heavyweight champion Don Smith.

## Roll of champions has a new look

FOR THE FIRST TIME for several years there is a slightly unfamiliar look about the Royal Navy's roll of boxing champions. Six of the ten senior titles decided at the Navy championships in HMS Nelson on February 17 went to men winning their first belts.

The "old guard", represented by Wayne Green, Mervyn Lescott, Nick Croombes and Brian Schumacher, all received walkovers, as did new bantamweight champion Paul Evans and new heavyweight Ned Rawlins.

Green's title was his eighth, and his record and reputation is now such that it is virtually impossible to match him in Service competitions.

Croombes has only recently returned to the Navy, but won the light-middleweight division in 1978 and 1979.

Despite the six walkovers, there was plenty of action and a couple of upsets in the four contested open divisions. Biggest of these was the majority points win achieved by SEA Mick Thorne over RO Mick McGlynn, who has made such an impact at lightweight this year. Thorne, though almost unknown to Navy fight fans, has a wealth of experience and is a former Eastern Counties champion.

The other surprise was the eclipse of light-

heavyweight Norman Linton by LS Dennis Ricketts.

At featherweight, AB Stuart Gill was back to his best form as he dictated terms to up-and-coming MNE John Baxter in an excellent contest.

Last on the bill were the super-heavyweights, MNE Keith Ferdinand knocking out MEM Mick Ford with a savage third round left hook.

The Navy's impressive strength at Under-19 level was evident in the quality of the youth contests, in which bantamweight Colin Day, a recruit at CTCRM Lympstone, quickly posted notice of his class. A North-West junior champion, he could well fill the vacant Navy flyweight billet next season.

MNE Dave Robb looked a good lightweight prospect, and MEM Brian Kearney was very sharp in beating Portsmouth ABC star Mark Ballard in an fast-moving light-welter special contest.

● Navy coaches CPO Tony Oxley and CPO Alan Dolman were hoping to match all their champions, open and youth, at the Combined Services individual championships at Aldershot on March 3 and 4.

### RN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1982

Bantam — AB Paul Evans (Argonaut), walkover.  
Feather — AB Stuart Gill (Diomedes) beat MNE John Baxter (42 Cdo), pts u.  
Lightweight — SEA Mick Thorne (Dryad) bt RO Mick McGlynn (Cambridge), pts m.  
Light-welter — AB Wayne Green (Intrepid), walkover.  
Welterweight — RO Mervyn Lescott (Drake), walkover.  
Light-middle — AB N. Croombes, walkover.  
Middle — AB Brian Schumacher, walkover.  
Light-heavy — LS Dennis Ricketts (Pembroke) bt MEM Norman Linton (Nelson), pts u.  
Heavy — MEM Ned Rawlins, walkover.  
Super-heavy — MNE Keith Ferdinand (42 Cdo) bt MEM Mick Ford (Drake), ftc 3.

### RN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1982

Bantam — RCT Colin Day (CTCRM) bt MNE Dave Munday (40 Cdo), ret 2.  
Feather — MNE John Hellehan (42 Cdo) bt MNE Colin Ellis (42 Cdo), pts u.  
Light — MNE Dave Robb (42 Cdo) bt RO Jim Baxter (Neptune), pts. i.  
Light-welter — MEM Brian Kearney (Nelson), walkover.  
Welter — JWEM Jim Mandley (Collingwood) bt MNE Mick Thackeray (40 Cdo), pts m.  
Light-middle — SA Andy Chamber (Vernon) bt RCT Colin Myatt (CTCRM), rsc 3.  
Middle — MNE John Lee (3 Cdo Bde RM), walkover.



## Routine task turns into a day of drama for Navy cameraman

# AT THE MOMENT OF SALVATION

WHAT started as a routine photographic mission for Lieut. Rick Manning and his helicopter Search and Rescue team from HMS Daedalus ended with a dramatic — and public — rescue operation not far from the end of South Parade Pier, Southsea.

LA (Phot) Michael Mitchell was photographing the departure of HMS Hermes from Portsmouth when an Isle of Wight-based Cessna aircraft crashed into the sea not far away. The Wessex helicopter was immediately diverted to the scene and LA(Phot) Mitchell was soon taking pictures of a "live" rescue — including this one of the pilot being winched into the aircraft.

Most difficult part of the operation was finding the flier, Mr. Roger Haldenby from the Isle of Wight, bobbing about in the very cold and choppy sea. He was exhausted when he was finally spotted from the helicopter and POACMN John

Spencer went down the winch to him literally in the nick of time.

Many people witnessed the rescue from the pier and seafront, and LA(Phot) Mitchell's pictures of PO Spencer in the water with Mr. Haldenby were widely used in newspapers the following day.

Winchman in the helo was LACMN Roger Brook.

After treatment at RN hospital Haslar for shock and exposure, Mr. Haldenby was discharged unscathed by his experience. He later said he was lucky to be alive and paid tribute to the "fantastic job" done by the helicopter crew.

### Icelandic medals

In thanks for an earlier rescue, crew members of a Cudrose-based Sea King helicopter have received the Republic of Iceland's silver medal for valour from the country's President, Mrs. Vigdis Finnbogadottir.

The awards were for their part in a

combined lifeboat-helicopter rescue carried out in darkness and in Force 8 and 9 winds when the Icelandic cargo vessel Tungufoss went down off Land's End last September.

The helicopter picked up four men, including the captain, who was lifted as the sea started to engulf him when the ship rolled and sank.

Members of the crew of the lifeboat Sennen Cove, which rescued seven, also went to London to receive the medal.

The incident, in which there was co-operation between the RN and RNLI to a great degree, has also resulted in other awards, including certificates for Coastguard officers.

The Navy men who received the Icelandic valour medals were Lieut. Nick Houghton (pilot), Lieut. Phil Sheldon (co-pilot), Lieut.-Cdr. Ray Winchcombe (observer), and POACMN Jumper Collins.



## First nuke to go

FIRST of the Royal Navy's nuclear submarines, HMS Dreadnought, is to be defuelled and de-equipped at Chatham to be laid up at a "secure mooring."

She has been out of service since 1980 and last year was towed to Chatham from Devonport.

Following the announcement, there has been much speculation about the problems of retiring a "nuke" and where the Dreadnought might eventually be kept.

The decision was taken after careful examination of financial and operational considerations, said Mr. Peter Blaker (Minister of State for the Armed Forces).

The Dreadnought was launched in 1960 and commissioned in 1963. By today's standards her nuclear propulsion system and secondary machinery are obsolescent.

"This submarine is noisy by modern standards, and even after a refit would only have had a limited operational capability in her primary role," said Mr. Blaker.

"The cost of a refit would have been in excess of £70 million."

## Osprey's shooting star . . .

AS DUTY officer of the day in HMS Osprey, Second Officer Alison Littleboy became the first WRNS officer at the base to be in charge of a 21-gun Royal salute. The occasion was the anniversary of the succession of the Queen to the Throne.

Although Wrens have previously been members of saluting gun crews, Portland believe it to be the first time a WRNS officer has been in charge of such a salute.

Second Officer Littleboy, a member of the WRNS for ten years, is at present cash officer in HMS Osprey. Her husband, Lieut.-Cdr. Martin Littleboy, is serving in HMS Antrim.

# 'Defeat' for protest wives

A WELL-ESTABLISHED practice passed into history at the end of February with the ending of the system which saw naval wives visiting their local post offices to draw allotments from their husbands' pay.

Last year's announcement that the weekly allotment system was to disappear brought protests from some wives, but there has been widespread publicity about alternative methods of obtaining the housekeeping money, including use of the High Street banks and the Girobank operating at local Post Offices.

"We shall have to concede defeat — and hope there won't be too many problems," said one wife who had been associated with the protests.

Advice being given to those wishing to open a National Girobank Account to replace the weekly allotment is to make the following note on the application form available at the Post Office, to avoid possible misunderstandings:

"The account will be funded by regular monthly amounts from my husband's naval pay, replacing my present weekly Post Office allotment."

### Alloy ships

SHIPS taking part in the naval phase of the NATO field training exercise Alloy Express, being held in northern Norway in February-March, include HM ships Invincible, Fearless, Ardent and Bacchante, and RFA Olmeda.



## Brilliant timing!

The Navy's past, present and future met on the flight deck of HMS Brilliant when the Type 22 destroyer visited Newcastle. Cadets from the city's TS Nelson gathered round as Capt. John Coward, the ship's commanding officer, welcomed Capt. Errol Turner, who commanded the previous Brilliant in the 1930s. Capt. Turner, 81, now TS Nelson's president, first went to sea in HMS Neptune in 1916 and served with distinction in the Second World War.

Picture: Sub-Lieut. Jamie Smith.

## Progress on pay review report

IN the spring, thoughts in the Navy usually turn to . . . pay.

The Armed Forces Pay Review Body have been taking oral evidence following completion of their unit visits as part of the task of preparing their report.

Generally, past practice has been for the report to be with the Prime Minister in late March or April, with an announcement a few weeks later — although last year's report, giving a net 9.4 per cent rise, was not published until May.

### COMPARABILITY

In today's harsh industrial climate many pay settlements have been well down in single figures, and the recent offer to civil servants was certainly that.

"Comparability" has, of course, been much on Ministerial and Service lips in recent years, and no one has said that it ceases to be the watchword.

Final outcome this year, however, seems difficult to guess and the award, due from April 1, will as always be awaited with much interest.

## BUPA talks over Haslar

EXPLORATORY talks have been taking place between MOD and the British United Provident Association over the possibility of what is described as a "joint medical development" at RN Hospital Haslar.

Representatives of BUPA, one of Britain's biggest private health schemes, have visited the hospital to look at facilities, but it is understood there have been no further developments.

# Renown completes Chevaline tests

A SERIES of four Polaris missile test flights, part of the Chevaline development programme, was completed in February. The missiles were launched from HM submarine Renown off Cape Canaveral.

"The results of the trials will need to be analysed in detail but the staff concerned

with the programme are extremely satisfied with the outcome," said MOD.

"This represents an important final milestone in the development programme, which is now essentially complete."

Earlier trials had taken place from a flat pad at Cape Canaveral and from the Renown off the Cape. None of the trials

involved nuclear devices.

As reported last month, Chevaline — the warhead which updates Polaris — is due to become operational before the end of the year. The Renown will be the first submarine to deploy the new system.

In the House of Lords a question was asked about the cost of replacing the

Polaris missile motors.

The Minister of State for Defence Procurement, Lord Trenchard, said the total cost of the programme for payment to the US Government and industry was expected to be about £300 million. The purpose was to ensure that the weapon system remained effective until the Polaris force was replaced by Trident.